

*THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
November 3, 2013*

Homily Next Week:
Father Glen Butterworth, S.J.

Readings for November 3, 2013

FIRST READING: 2 MACCABEES 7:1-2, 9-14
SECOND READING: 2 THESSALONIANS 2:16-3:5
GOSPEL: LUKE 20:27-38

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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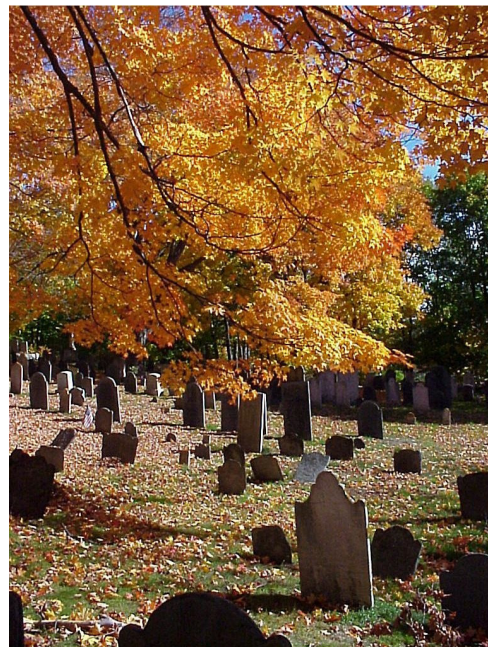
The Month of the Dead

Altar of Remembrance

In the old baptistry an altar of remembrance will be present throughout November. Please bring photos of deceased relatives and friends and light a candle in prayer (please leave contact information on the back of the photo if you want it returned).

Book of Remembrance

At the entrance of the church you are invited to write the names of deceased relatives who will be remembered in the monthly prayers.



The Funeral Mass for Lisl Abstoss will take place next Tuesday, November 5th at 11 am in the church with a reception immediately following in the social hall. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Northwest's Child. Northwest's Child is a program that Lisl participated in after school; it provides a safe and nurturing place for children, teens and adults with moderate to severe special needs. Lisl had many friends and caretakers there who provided her with much love and joy.

The Abstoss family thanks the St. Joseph community for the outpouring of support and prayers they have received thus far.

Prayer, Dialogue, & the Gift of Incarnation

*At the time of YHWH, God's making of earth and heaven,
no bush of the field was yet on earth, no plant of the field
had yet sprung up,
for YHWH, God, had not made it rain upon earth,
and there was no human [adam] to till the soil [adama]—
but a surge would well up from the ground and water all
the face of the soil;
and YHWH, God, formed the human of dust from the
soil,
he blew into his nostrils the breath of life and the human
became a living being.*

-Genesis 2: 4-7 (Schocken Bible)-

The other day, running home to get the keys I had forgotten, and grumbling to the wind and cold, I looked up and noticed a leaf—bright yellow against the gray—dancing and pulling the hand of the branch that still sought to hold it. It was a beautiful moment, filled with the fragile, transitional grace that seems to permeate this season. And amid my grumpiness and weary self-absorption, I realized that God's Spirit was dancing in every leaf and branch, in the dying season and the rising cold, in all that surrounds me. . .and even in my own anxious frame. So I stopped, for just a moment, and smiled at the sense of God's presence, beside me, within me, beyond me: laughing and teasing me into awareness. It was the best prayer I have had in some time.

It seems as though the whole of human history—both individually and collectively—has been a meeting of those two forces recalled in the book of *Genesis*: an encounter between this unremarkable dust; this muddled earth; this failing, fragile bag of blood and flesh, and that transformative breath; that whisper of Word and wanting; that breeze of heaven given us by God's own touch. We are, this creation tells us, not a monologue of machine-made parts, but a dialogue of groaning and grace, of brutal fact and limitless possibility, of powerful need and liberating desire. We are born already possessed of a spirit beyond our self, and we are moving slowly towards the fulfillment of a promise made before we ever came to be; made in the harmony of that divine communion, where Father, Son, and Spirit—the Giver, the Gift, and the Giving—conspire for our inclusion in an act of Incarnation. For when God blows into the nostrils of the shaped soil [adama] and creates a human being [adam], we become the enfleshed partners in a living dialogue with that God whose breath is our life and whose desire is communion with each of us.

Yet, if God creates us for this dialogue, it seems we spend a great deal of time sitting in the corner and chattering to ourselves. On the road, we listen to talk radio—encountering not a person, but a voice or an idea; some “other” not in dialogue with us, but in the illusion of dialogue. In our homes, we leave notes on the refrigerator or yell over our shoulder as we rush out the door, hoping to transfer data to our children that we want them to know or to our spouse that we want them to do. In Church, we read the rules and evaluate others—not as persons—but by their adherence to the information we have collected. In monologues of isolated truth, we engage, not persons, but principles and precepts that we hold in our hands or read on the glowing screens of our lonely room.

Even in our prayer, we speak to God as though we were writing e-mails or tweets, composing our lists of desires and needs, and sending it off with an expectation of a later, equally impersonal, answer: “O God, take care of my sick Aunt Lucy. Help me be patient today. Let me get this job at the dog hospital. Bring Bobby home safely from Afghanistan.” There is no dialogue here—no desire for communion with the other—but only monologues overlapping and distancing us one from another, and from a God we treat more like the Force of George Lucas than like the confidante of Moses or the one who negotiated with Abraham over a town where ten good people might be enough to bring salvation.

How often do we talk to God, but not with God? How many times do we seek God's answer, without ever listening for God's presence in the constant companionship of our hearts? We find ourselves—or, rather, make ourselves—strangers in the universe that has been given to us, because our voices do not go beyond us, do not encounter that breath within us that gave us life.

But God, who longs for us to join the conversation of the universe, intrudes into our monological rhapsody—or strives to intrude, for those with ears to hear. Today, in a dancing leaf or a laughing child, in the quiet of our hearts or the whispered power of our memories, in the death of one we love or the sickness of a friend, God is calling us to a deeper relationship, to a place of mystery and communion, to a dialogue where we will find—in the deepest part of our selves—that breath that speaks our name and brings us to life. This is our true prayer: a dialogue of heart to heart, of lover to beloved, of God to each one of us. Let us pray.





Prayer

St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions: For resolution for Maggie's health problems. Gods strength and healing for Brian ,Scott, and Lisa. And may the Holy Mothers, gentle grace, surround the Abstoss family at this most heartfelt time. May we continue to be blessed with beautiful Fall days ,that bring us great joy.



"Love our Lady. And she will obtain abundant grace to help you conquer in your daily struggles"

~ St. Josemaria Escriva

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

Baptism for Older Children

If you have a child four years of age and older whom you would like to be baptized into the Catholic Faith, Our first gathering for parents and children will be **Monday December 16th 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm** in the Parish Center beginning with a potluck supper. The plan is to meet monthly (Dec-April) with family catechesis at home between sessions. In accordance with Archdiocesan policy, the norm is for children seven years of age and older to be fully initiated into the Catholic Faith by receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil Mass. Children younger than seven receive the Sacrament of Baptism only at the 9:00 am Mass on Sunday May 18th. For more information contact Deacon Steve Wodzanowski at stevew@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1646.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

We invite you to join knitters and crocheters of all abilities to participate in the St. Joes' prayer shawl ministry. The purpose of the ministry is to give someone in need a tangible example of God's love and care. We will meet on the 1st Thursday of each month beginning November 7th in the parish center....from 7-9 in the evening. Following refreshments and prayer, we will knit or crochet the shawls. People will be welcome to work on their shawls at home in between meetings. When a shawl is finished, a blessing will be given and it will be distributed to someone in need of this special blessing. Patterns will be provided and we will be asking the parish community for yarn and needle donations.

If you are interested in participating, or if you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Rothmeyer at (206)310-0198 or jenniferrothmeyer@hotmail.com.

Upcoming At ISC

The Ignatian Spirituality Center is delighted to announce two exciting events coming in the month of December.

On Saturday, December 7th, the second large group of offering in our program **In the Steps of Ignatius: Ignatian Spirituality for Men** will take place from 8:30 - 11:30 am at St. Margaret's Episcopal Church in Bellevue. Brendan Busse, S.J. will present on Living Out God's Call. (See below for more details).

On Saturday, December 14th, ISC and St. Mary's Parish will co-sponsor **"No Room at the Inn?" An Advent Posada: A Journey of Immigrants**. In light of the US Jesuit Conference's focus on immigration, we will move from the contemplative to the active for this year's Advent Evening as we prayerfully and creatively enter into the story of the immigrant. The Advent Posada will take place at St. Mary's Church in Seattle from 7:00 - 8:30 pm, and will be followed by a fiesta in the parish hall



“The Singing Thing” - Weekly Reflections the music we use at Mass at St. Joseph



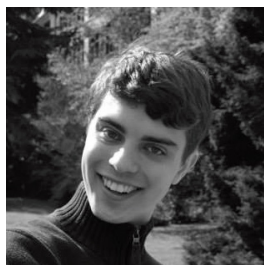
This week I continue to introduce the choir to you. In addition, this weekend at the 5 pm mass our “Choir-In-Residence” Choral Arts will be joining us to sing the 5 p.m. mass. The choir is in it’s 20th season and is directed by Dr. Robert Bode. They sang a beautiful concert of Marian music last month at Saint Joe’s and will sing some of the repertoire from that concert at mass. Their next concert will be “A Choral Arts Christmas” on Sunday evening Dec. 15th at 7: 30 p.m. Here is a little bit about them from their mission statement:

Choral Arts is a Seattle-based ensemble of approximately thirty singers dedicated to our mission: To inspire, educate, and enrich its community through the transformational power of great choral music performed at the highest artistic level. Under the masterful direction of Robert Bode, Choral Arts

presents a mix of styles, periods and languages at each concert, all tied together thematically. Performances include new American choral music, as well as a faithful representation of many different choral music genres. Choral Arts’ unique contribution to the art comes from the marriage of its core commitments: excellence in its performances, inspiring educational programs, and commissioning and performing new compositions. In building these connections and developing interrelated programs, Choral Arts helps to actively engage the singers, the audience, and the composer, thus making the experience more personal and profound. “Our goal is that our concerts and school visits inspire, educate and entertain. Above all, we hope to bring people together through the unmatched power of singing, to express those things that define and particularize us, and to celebrate all that we share.” Robert Bode, Artistic Director

I hope that you will plan come out to support the Saint Joseph Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam concert series and treat yourself to an evening of beautiful music at their upcoming concert on Dec. 15. Visit the Saint Joseph website and click on “Concert Series” on the front page to see an entire list of all the events on the concert series.

MEMBERS OF SAINT JOSEPH CHOIR



Daniel Carr - Hailing from the beautiful city of Portland, Oregon, I have been singing since the third grade. I am currently a Senior Civil Engineering student at Seattle University, and enjoy reading science fiction and spy thrillers while sunning in park. My choir director at Seattle University once said, “Always give your best performance, because you never know who will be listening, or how much they may be touched.” I have lived by these words ever since, and I am absolutely thrilled to be at St. Joseph’s continuing my musical journey.



I'm a married mother of 3 with a lifelong passion for singing. I moved to Seattle in 2007 and joined St. Joseph's parish. Since then, both the parish and the school have become an integral part of my life. I'm a regular at MOMS Group meetings and have been part of the planning committee since 2010. Now that my children are older, I'm so grateful to participate in the choir ministry. It's an energizing group of men and women who share the gift of song with each other and the parish.



Shaun Corry is married to Reed Corry with two children, Patrick (20) and McLean (17), who celebrated their sacraments at St. Joe’s. Her catalyst for joining the choir came after her dad, John McAuley passed and the family was comforted by the exceptional musicians who led his memorial service. Her joyful participation in St. Joseph music ministry, for the past seven years, has been an experience of learning, peace, serenity, meditative value and comfort for the soul. She hopes the music has imparted the same experience to the listener/participant in the congregation, and believes it to be a positive force of poetic prayer for others. Shaun works as a Compliance Officer/Portfolio Analyst for Lesa Sroufe & Co. She is a board member on the Seattle Chamber Music Society Board, Agros International and Ecofiltro. Her hobbies are tennis, running/walking, cycling, swimming, travel and music appreciation in all its forms.



Social Ministry

Tattoos on the Heart An Ignatian Book Group

3 Tuesday gatherings (November 5, 12 and 19, 2013) |
7:00-8:30 pm | St. Joseph Parish Center, Seattle

David Coffey & Emily Davis, facilitators

For twenty years, Fr. Greg Boyle, S.J. has run Homeboy Industries, a gang-intervention program located in Los Angeles, the gang capital of the world. In his New York Times bestseller, *Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion*, Fr. Boyle distills his experience working in the ghetto into a breathtaking series of parables inspired by faith. Join us to read and explore this uplifting "quick read," as a reminder that no life is less valuable than another.

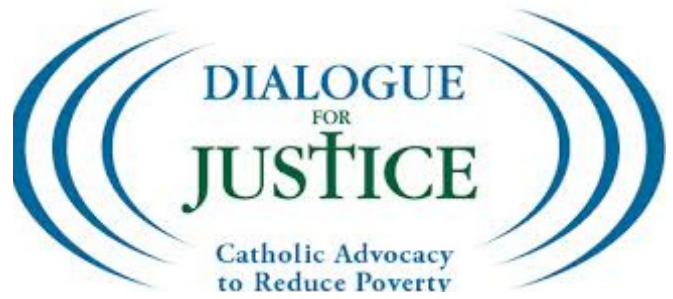
COST: \$40 (Reduced fee if you already own the book.)
To register, visit www.ignatiancenter.org or contact Andrea Fontana at (206) 329-4824 or andrea@ignatiancenter.org. Please register by Tuesday, October 29.

A Faithful Response To Mental Illness

Join with JustFaith graduates and other interested people for a seminar on mental illness. Open to All

Saturday, Nov. 16th, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
(Gathering and coffee at 8:30, program begins at 9:00)
St. Catherine Siena, Parish Center
814 NE 85th St., Seattle, WA 98115

Presentations include: Keynote Addresses by Randy Revelle (former King County Executive) and Trez Buckland (Assistant Professor UW), Theological Reflection by Fr. Paul Magnano (Pastor, Christ Our Hope), National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) – "In Our Own Voice" Presentation, Models of Parish Ministry and Advocacy. **Please contact the Missions Office to register and for more information** (missionsoffice@seattlearch.org, 206.382.4580 or 800.869.7028).



Dialogue for Justice

The Dialogue for Justice is an Archdiocesan-wide initiative to strengthen Catholic advocacy on behalf of the poor and vulnerable in our communities. Since 2011, Catholic Community Services, the Intercommunity Peace & Justice Center, and the Washington State Catholic Conference have coordinated with parishes and Catholic organizations to effectively advocate to reduce poverty in our communities. Our Advocacy Makes a Difference! **Our 1st organizing meeting will be Thursday November 21st 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.** All are welcome! No prior experience necessary.

- Learn more about 2014 Legislative Priority Issues impacting poverty
- Meet advocates from your area
- Create action plans with your parish/community

Together, we can urge legislators to implement programs and policies that give priority to the human dignity and rights of all, especially the poor and vulnerable. For questions, please call Deacon Steve at 206-965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org

St. Martin de Porres Ministry

Monday Hamburger Delivery Crew and Coordinator

Every Monday, a St. Joseph parishioner delivers hamburgers from Dick's Drive-In on Capitol Hill to St. Martin de Porres Men's Shelter for their 6 pm dinner. Shelter is located at 1561 Alaskan Way (just southwest of Safeco Field). We need a volunteer to coordinate drivers (in the past this position also acted as alternate) and new drivers (that just deliver one Monday a month). Don't worry - if you run into a conflict for your week - you will be able to switch with other drivers. Less driving if you live close to Dick's Drive-in on Capitol Hill!! If you would like to volunteer, please contact Steve W at 206-965-1649 or stevew@stjosephparish.org



Community

Young Adult Retreat

"Discerning God's Will and Your Gifts"

December 13-15, 2013
Led by: Fr. Bryan Dolejsi

God calls each one of us to a particular way of loving through our primary vocation and through our jobs/careers. Come spend the weekend with other young adults discerning God's will by utilizing Catholic principles of spiritual direction and discernment.

Also, spend time reflecting on the particular gifts (charisms) God has given you and how you can best utilize them for the building up of the kingdom of God.

For just \$99.50, you will receive
6 full meals

2 nights in a comfortable room with private bathroom
All presentations/talks by Fr. Dolejsi
Focused time away for prayer and fellowship with other
Western Washington young adults

To Register: <http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07e7t2uuv475b8dcde&llr=6a7puneab>

St. Joseph LGBT Community

Come to St. Joe's for an evening of board games, pizza, and fun!

When: Friday, November 8th, 6:30 p.m.

Where: Parish Center, Mother Teresa Room (basement, east side)

Bring: A favorite board game. We are also asking people to bring a frozen pizza to share if they are able. We will provide salad and drinks!

You are welcome to bring a friend. Questions? Contact Meghan Mayo at meghan.m.mayo@gmail.com

St. Joseph Young Adult News

Habitat For Humanity

Saturday, November 9th
8:30 am-4:00 pm

Join the St. Joseph Young Adult Community as we volunteer with Habitat for Humanity on Saturday, November 9th! We will be helping out with construction at the Rainier Vista Building in Central Seattle. Please read below for the day's schedule, what to bring, what to wear, and how to get to the construction site.

Please RSVP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE to youngadultcommunity@stjosephparish.org. We have limited space and need to let the H4H team know how many volunteers will be coming that day.

Additionally, if you are driving and able to carpool folks, please mention this in your RSVP. Those carpooling should meet in the St. Joseph parking lot at 7:45am.

QUESTIONS? Email us at youngadultcommunity@stjosephparish.org

Got Joe Mail?

Subscribe to our St. Joseph Young Adult Community Monthly Newsletter to get updates on young adult events at St. Joseph! Don't worry, your information is safe with us and we will only use your it for contacting you about St. Joseph YAC opportunities. Sign up by scanning the QR code or entering this link into your browser: <http://goo.gl/InZx9A>

Social Hour

Attention: Young adults in their 20's and 30's..

JOIN US FOR WINE AND CHEESE SOCIAL
After the 5:30pm Mass on Sunday November 17th!

To help or learn more contact Deacon Steve at 965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org



Stewardship

Ways to Donate

We are grateful for your prayerful consideration of a stewardship gift to St. Joseph Parish! For over a century, St. Joseph has been here: serving people in faith, educating the young with hope, and engaging the world with the love of Christ Jesus and the power of the Gospel. Together, we ensure that our century-old commitment will endure.

Below are a few examples of the many ways our parishioners and friends support our parish. For more information or assistance in making your gift, please don't hesitate to contact Tina O'Brien, Pastoral Assistant for Stewardship and Development at (206) 965.1654 or stewardship@stjosephparish.org

Make an Immediate Impact

- **Cash gifts**—the simplest and easiest gift you can make—can be made by credit card, personal check, cashier's check, or money order made payable to St. Joseph Parish. Make a gift today online at www.stjosephparish.org.
- **Gifts of appreciated securities, stocks and bonds** provide considerable tax advantages when transferred to St. Joseph Parish before they are sold. Learn more on the Seattle Archdiocese planned giving pages at www.seattlearchpg.org or by contacting Tina O'Brien, Pastoral Assistant for Stewardship and Development at (206) 965.1654 or stewardship@stjosephparish.org.
- **Recurring gifts** can help sustain your impact through regular and consistent contributions to St. Joseph Parish. You can arrange for gifts to come to the parish through electronic fund transfer, set up your credit card to be charged a certain amount at a frequency of your choosing, or use the small envelopes provided by the parish. It is most helpful when our friends to give via electronic fund transfer directly from the bank as there are no fees incurred with each transaction.
- **In-kind gifts** can provide items that our community partners desperately need such as toiletries, paper products, baby items, clothing, and the like. Contact our companions in ministry regarding contributions of goods and services or bring food items to Mass for our special collections.

We Care for St. Joseph Stewardship Update

Many, many thanks to all who have made gifts and pledges thus far. To date, we have received **136 pledges totaling \$374,580**. We are endlessly grateful for your care of and commitment to St. Joseph Parish!

Ann Arnold, Brian Arnold & Jennifer Schultz • Robert & Pauline Bach, Cristina & Jerrold Bailet, William & Nancy Basl, Emily & Will Bassett, Rodney & Mary Jo Bench, John & Virginia Beyer, Bill & Leslie Boniface, Jim & Patti Brennan, Karen & Curtis Bryan, Rebecca Buettner, Fr. Glen Butterworth, S.J., Maureen Lee & Mark Busto • Bill Caldwell, Kathleen Caldwell, Deanne & Philip Calvert, L Patrick Carroll & Dee McQuesten, Jennifer & Oscar Cea, Angela & Christian Chabot, Paul Kelly & Cassandra Chinn, Dino & Jeanine Christofilis, Ray Wheeler & Barbara Clinton, Joyce Colella, Bernadette Corde, Linda Coughlin, Arthur & Sharon Crisera • Jon & Susan Decker, Brian and Patricia DesRoches, Sr. Rosemary Dobler, RSCJ, John & Kimrick Dolson • Barrett & Amy Eastwood, Helena Eng • Gary Fallon & Leona De Rocco, Kevin & Dottie Farewell, Thomas Farrelly, Juan & Lisa Ferre, Candace Frankinburger • Ben Gaffney & Stacey Fitzpatrick, Patrick & Mollie Gemma, Mary Beth & Richard Gemperle, Susan Georgulas, Patricia Geraghty, Lance Ginaven & Tina Obrien, Diego Gonzalez, Cecilia Grevson • C. Robert & Virginia Harmon, Mary Hartrich, Kathy Hastings, Sandi Heller, Vince Herberholt & Catherine Murray, Robert & Lynn Hester, Peter Heymann & Nicole Piaseki, George & Debra Hofbauer, Dane Hofbauer, Karen & Ed Hogan, David Holm & Christine Carlson, William Hood, Kevin & Cathleen Hylton • Michel & Michelle Jammal, Jennifer Kolesar & David Janssen, Erik Johnson & Elizabeth Kain, Michael Johnston, Michael Jones • Patrick Kennedy & Melissa Ries, Betty Kill, John & Sheelagh King, Virginia Klamon, Mary Klubben, Marykay Kreszenzia, Justin Kuxhaus • Gerry Lamar, Katharine LaPlante, Bob & Maxine Larson, Martha Ways & Tim Lee, Carla & Don Lewis, Aaron & Courtney Lilly, Daniel & Julie Little • Annie MacDonald, Virginia Mack - Donley, Lou & Lauretta Marchesini, Sheila Marie, Dale & Anne Martin, Shannon DeVange Martinsen & Matt Martinsen, Doug & Chabella May, Bob & Eileen McCaffery-Lent, Michael McDonnell & Naomi Chaytor, Bruce & Catherine Mirkin, Richard & Linda Monroe, Jeff & Sharon Montgomery, Matt & Anne Moran, Colleen & Chris Mounsey • Olga Naftali, Jeffrey Nevin & Carrie Nemec, Ambrose & Monica Noonan • Michael & Cynthia O'Brien, Joan



Cassie Chin & Paul Kelly

We are very happy to give to St. Joseph because of its warmth & welcome, & its commitment to inclusion, diversity, & social justice.

We feel deep affection & admiration for the staff of St. Joseph & their loving service to the Gospel. Every weekend at Mass, we are blessed by their labor, as they strive to open our hearts to the challenges & consolations of Jesus.

We are blessed to be part of the St. Joseph community & honored to support its mission to love and serve.



PAUL KELLY & CASSANDRA CHIN - *"Because of St. Joseph's warmth and welcome."*

Cassie & Paul were married at St. Joseph by Deacon Steve in April, 2009. They enjoyed a wonderful reception in the Social Hall with Irish music performed by Bob McCaffery-Lent & his band, Mooncoyne. Paul has been a Eucharistic minister, JustFaith facilitator & RCIA team member. Cassie is a recent convert to Catholicism & is now in her third year as an RCIA team member.

O'Neill, John & Mary Ott • Jennifer Paquette, William & Monica Parent, Sr. Rosemary Perisich, SNJM, Sara Perkins, Jane Perry, Jane Peterson, Marianna & Fiore Pignataro, Tom & Brooke Pigott • Jim Raisio, Rachel Randall-Jones, Valerie Ritchie, Joan Robertson, Pamela Kulin & James Rogers, Jon & Stephanie Rooney, Donald & Mary Elizabeth Roos, Stuart Rowe, Scott Roza, Patricia & William Rozmyn • Susan Safioles & Joe Patton, Lorraine Schneider, SFCC, Renee Willette & James Schwartz, Phil & Kerri Shigo, Samuel & Julie Smith, Mike & Diann Smith, Jeanine & Mark Snowden, Mr & Mrs George Spano, Sam & Winnie Sperry, Diane & Larry Stokke, Tracey & Paul Stone, Anne Santee-Stoner & Daniel Stoner • Patricia Thenell, Jeanne and Robert Tiscareno, Brady & Doreen Twohy • David Uhl • Sarah VanArsdale-Cook • Janet Walsh, Marguerite Weibel, Fr. John Whitney, S.J., Patricia Whitney, Karen & Peter Wickstrand, James & Gloria Wittrell, Meg & Steve Wolfe, Steve Wodzanowski & Cyndy Ferrell

We ask each and every Parish family to complete a pledge envelope, whether or not you are able to make a financial gift. Your affirmation of membership and pledge of prayers is enough for us but we want to know that you join us in this gracious and holy work.

Please, if you haven't done so already, take a close look at our annual report, ask any questions you may have about our strategic plan or finances, and prayerfully consider what gift-- if any-- you may be able to pledge to our parish in the coming year. Together, we stand united, Ignited by the Eucharist to love and serve. And in doing so become what Pope Francis calls the Church to be: a home for all people, not a chapel for a selected few.



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Dear Families!

Good evening and welcome to Rome!

You have come as pilgrims from many parts of the world to profess your faith before the tomb of Saint Peter. This Square welcomes you and embraces you: we are one people, with one heart and soul, gathered by the Lord who loves and sustains us. I also greet the families who have joined us through television and the internet: this Square has expanded in every direction!

You have given this meeting a title: *"Family, Live the Joy of Faith!"* I like that title. I have listened to your experiences and the stories you have shared. I have seen so many children, so many grandparents... I have felt the pain of families living in situations of poverty and war. I have listened to the young people who want to be married even though they face numerous difficulties. And so, let us ask ourselves: how is it possible to live the joy which comes from faith, in the family, today? But I ask you also: is it possible to live this joy or is it not possible?

1. A saying of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew speaks to us: *"Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest"* (Mt 11:28). Life is often wearisome, and many times tragically so. We have heard this recently... Work is tiring; looking for work is exhausting. And finding work today requires much effort. But what is most burdensome in life is not this: what weighs more than all of these things is a lack of love. It weighs upon us never to receive a smile, not to be welcomed. Certain silences are oppressive, even at times within families, between husbands and wives, between parents and children, among siblings. Without love, the burden becomes even heavier, intolerable. I think of elderly people living alone, and families who receive no help in caring for someone at home with special needs. *"Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden"*, Jesus says.

Dear families, the Lord knows our struggles: he knows them. He knows the burdens we have in our lives. But the Lord also knows our great desire to find joy and rest! Do you remember? Jesus said, *"... that your joy may be complete"* (cf. Jn 15:11). Jesus wants our joy to be complete! He said this to the apostles and today he says it to us. Here, then, is the first thing I would like to share with you this evening, and it is a saying of Jesus: Come to me, families from around the world - Jesus says - and I will give you rest, so that your joy may be complete. Take home this Word of Jesus, carry it in your hearts,

share it with the family. It invites us to come to Jesus so that he may give this joy to us and to everyone.

3. Finally, here before us is the *icon of Jesus' Presentation in the Temple*. It is a beautiful and meaningful picture. Let us contemplate it and let it help us. Like all of you, the persons depicted in this scene have a journey to make: Mary and Joseph have travelled as pilgrims to Jerusalem in obedience to the Law of the Lord; the aged Simeon and the elderly prophetess Anna have come to the Temple led by the Holy Spirit. In this scene three generations come together, the interweaving of three generations: Simeon holds in his arms the child Jesus, in whom he recognizes the Messiah, while Anna is shown praising God and proclaiming salvation to those awaiting the redemption of Israel. These two elderly persons represent faith as memory. But let me ask you: Do you listen to your grandparents? Do you open your hearts to the memories that your grandparents pass on? Grandparents are like the wisdom of the family, they are the wisdom of a people. And a people that does listen to grandparents is one that dies! Listen to your grandparents. Mary and Joseph are the family, sanctified by the presence of Jesus who is the fulfilment of all God's promises. Like the Holy Family of Nazareth, every family is part of the history of a people; it cannot exist without the generations who have gone before it. Therefore, today we have grandparents and children. The children learn from their grandparents, from the previous generation.

Dear families, you, too, are a part of God's people. Walk joyfully in the midst of this people. Remain ever close to Jesus and carry him to everyone by your witness. I thank you for having come here. Together, let us make our own the words of Saint Peter, words which strengthen us and which will confirm us in times of trial: *"Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of everlasting life"* (Jn 6:68). With the help of Christ's grace, live the joy of faith! May the Lord bless you, and may Mary, our Mother, protect you and be ever at your side. Thank you!

A portion of Pope Francis' address to the participants in the pilgrimage of families. The entire address and video can be found at the following link http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/francesco/speeches/2013/october/documents/papa-francesco_20131026_pellegrinaggio-famiglie_en.html

