

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
January 12, 2014

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

Readings for January 19, 2014

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 49:3, 5-6

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:1-3

GOSPEL: JOHN 1:29-34

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday - 5 pm

Sunday - 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 5:30 pm

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday - Friday, 7 am, 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

Saturday - 9 am - 1 pm

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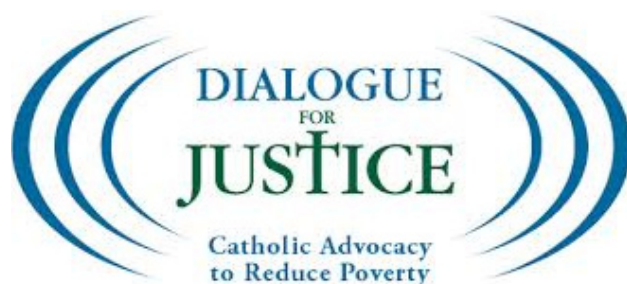
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SAVE THE DATE...
FORUM ON POVERTY

Sunday January 26th

2:00 pm – 4:30 pm

St. Joseph's Social Hall

Get Together, Get informed and get involved in learning about the key issues and legislation in our State impacting those most in need: Housing and Essential Needs Act (HENS); Housing Trust Fund, Immigration Reform and Affordable Health Care. Our Panel will include Tony Lee, Advocacy Director for SOLID GROUND, Nancy Amidei, Director Civic Engagement Project and Al O'Brien, parishioner and former State Representative. Our MC will be Cheryl Sesnon, Executive Director of Jubilee Women's Center. This gathering is hosted by our St. Joseph's Faith Justice Commission in collaboration with our Outreach Partners: Recovery Café, Chief Seattle Club, St. Francis House, St. Martin de Porres, Baby Corner and St. Vincent de Paul.

As a DIALOGUE for JUSTICE parish with Catholic Community Services we have committed ourselves to not only stand in solidarity with those on the margins but to advocate with them for a more just society. This Forum is the kick-off for involving our parish in **Catholic Advocacy Day** in Olympia on Friday, February 21st. Our goal is to have a bus from the parish! 50 seats!

ARE WE TOGETHER?

A flyer will be out next week. For details contact Deacon Steve at 206-965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org



**2014 Stewardship
Fund**

As of January 9, 2014

Amount Pledged: \$1,151,613.00

Goal: \$1,500,000.00

***Please remember to include St. Joseph Parish in
your estate plans.***

The Acts of the Orange & Blue Apostles

*Being prophets may sometimes involve making rudio
[Spanish for noise].*

*I do not know how to put it. . . Prophecy makes noise,
uproar, some say 'a mess.'*

*But in reality, the charism of religious people is like yeast:
prophecy announces the spirit of the Gospels.*

-Pope Francis to Superiors of Religious Orders-

*The thought comes to me of the temptation, which perhaps
we might have and that so many have,
of connecting the proclamation of the Gospel
with inquisitorial blows of condemnation.
No, the Gospel is proclaimed with gentleness,
with fraternity, with love.*

-Pope Francis at the the Canonization of Peter Favre-

We must imagine the scene: the Church, still subject to occasional bouts of persecution and yet growing feverishly among both Jews and Gentiles alike, faces a great conflict—how are Gentiles to be admitted into the community? Must they first become Jews, i.e., accept the Mosaic law and the signs of the covenant through circumcision? Or can they adapt the path of Jesus within their own cultural framework? To us, from the distance of 2000 years, the answer may seem self-evident; yet, for many in that first community around Jerusalem, to release Gentiles from the strictures of the ancient covenant was to surrender to the culture of the day, to abandon the practice of faith in which Jesus himself was known to engage. It seemed, to these Jewish-Christians, that the Church was being asked to surrender to the desires of the world, to become “*politically correct*,” all for the sake of not offending its new converts. On the other hand, there stood in the their midst those who worked among the Gentiles or who had gone to them, and testified to the power of the Spirit within them. Peter, Paul, and Barnabas spoke forcefully for a new vision and a new understanding of the faith.

What is most amazing about this moment in the Church is how the community comes to decide, together, what is to be done. There is debate and disruption, but it is not seen as division; rather, it is the way the Holy Spirit is working within the community. Further, this debate is grounded on human experience, and not on tradition or on the power of office. Rather than beginning with Scripture—with the Torah or the Prophets—the community begins with the experience of the faithful: with the testimony of Peter, Paul, and Barnabas—none of whom claim special authority in the face of the communal discernment, but all of whom, instead, simply testify to the way in which they have seen the Gentiles touched and filled with the grace of the Holy Spirit. Only then does James, in response, note that “*the*

prophets agree with this” (rather, in might be noted, than “*this agrees with the prophets*”). The understanding of God and the meaning of the tradition comes, not from a measured and disengaged reflection by those in authority, but in the noisy, messy, and (some might say) undignified uproar of the community of faith. Here is diversity without division, complexity with separation, debate and dissent without the need for punishment or condemnation. In listening for the living Spirit of Christ Jesus, the Church begins by listening to the sinners and seekers who are his body in the world.

I have thought often of this scene in *Acts*, over the last year, and especially as I have listened to Pope Francis speak of the need for “*uproar*” by religious, or call young people to make “*a mess*” in their dioceses. Like many, I have been refreshed and renewed not by some great doctrinal changes, but by the absence of fear expressed in the words of the Holy Father; by his trust in the workings of the Holy Spirit and his passion for courageous acts of faith—even acts that risk error or end in failure. For Francis, it seems, the timidity of tightly held borders, the safe-harbor of accepted opinion and doctrinal purity risks a greater sin—a greater loss to the Church—than the dangerous paths of love and welcome. Ships may be safe within the harbor, but that is not what ships are for. Like the Church of *Acts*, Francis calls today’s Church to a fearless proclamation of Christ and the Gospel, even though trying to understand such a proclamation may lead us to conflict and disruption.

In the last few weeks, the students of Eastside Catholic High School, and their companions from other schools in the area, have given us an example of the kind of passionate discernment, motivated by the Gospel, that characterizes an important dimension of Catholic education—and, indeed, should characterize our faith both in and out of school. Regardless of the particulars of this situation (and personnel issues may have complexities I do not know), these students have spoken up as products of Catholic education, as women and men motivated by the Spirit and by their own experience of grace. Though it is a painful time, their teachers and their parents should be proud of the Gospel spirit that has been planted in these young hearts. Likewise, we in the broader Church should be grateful for the mess these young people bring, and should listen with compassion and openness to the Spirit that moves within them. Their love, their gentleness, their quest to make of the Church “*the home of all, not a small chapel that can hold only a small group of selected people*,” demands more than the silence of authority; it demands communion and engagement with the Church—i.e., education, direction, dialogue—since their spirit is a sign of the Church and is life-blood for the Church. May we engage, with fearless love, at the side of our younger sisters and brothers; and may trust in the God whose Church we are all becoming.



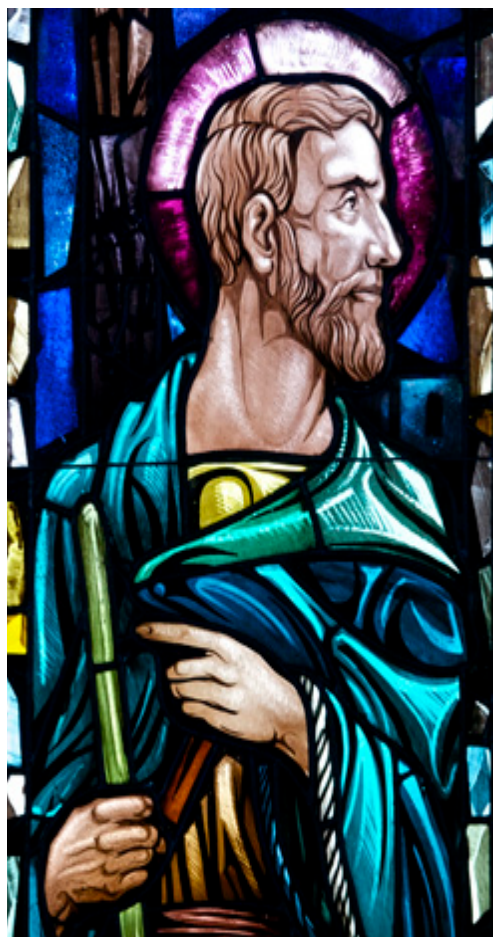


Stewardship

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 **630 pledges totaling \$1,151,613.00**. We are endlessly grateful for your care of and commitment to St. Joseph Parish!

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WELCOME!

On Saturday, January 11th we welcomed the following Adults inquiring into the Catholic Faith at the Rite of Acceptance during the 5:00 pm Mass.

Jonathan Lin
Katie Au
Elisa Cooper
Thomas Burnside
Maureen Spier
Melanie Roussos
Grant Atkinson
Jen Crisera
Ben Duenwald
Carly Elrod
Joe Trefethen
Ryan Raisio
Sara Alvarado

Haven't Made Your 2014 Pledge Yet?

Affirm your active membership in St. Joseph Parish! Submit a pledge envelope, call, email, fax, or pledge online. Your pledge of prayer is enough for us; just let us know you're still with us! Many thanks...



Community



DIACONATE ORDINATION OF MATTHEW PYRC, SJ

Please join the Seattle University Arrupe Community for the diaconate ordination of Matthew Pyrc, SJ. The ordination will be conferred by The Most Reverend Archbishop Peter Sartain.

A light reception will follow the ordination in the Casey Commons,
Fifth Floor of the Casey Building

Please RSVP to mpyrc@nwjesuits.org



Date: 01/25/2014

Time: 10:30 AM

Chapel of St Ignatius,
Seattle University
901 12th Ave
Seattle WA 98122

"Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and dry them with a towel around his waist. If I, therefore, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet." John 13: 5 & 14



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JANUARY 2014 CAPPELLA ROMANA PRESENTS

ARCTIC LIGHT

**FINNISH ORTHODOX
CHORAL WORKS**

TIMO NUORANNE guest dir. (HELSINKI)

8pm, Saturday, January 18, 2014

St. Joseph's Parish 732 18th Ave E

For its debut at St. Joseph's parish, Cappella Romana presents a sumptuous program, which sold out in 2008, of music from the Finnish Orthodox Church. This music marries the shining Northern clarity of sound with a sonic richness clearly linked to the traditions of Russian choral singing.

"Cappella Romana left the audience suspended in a zone of otherworldly beauty. ... Can this group really still be such a well-kept secret in Seattle?"
—Crosscut

Free pre-concert talk
one hour prior to the
performance.

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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 **January 23rd at 6 pm.** Please email Deacon Steve if you would like more information stevew@stjosephparish.org

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.



Community

CYO Volleyball Sign Ups

WHO: Girls in 5-8th grades
Boys in 7- 8th grades

WHEN: All registrations due by Jan. 15th

****NEW Online Registration Site****

Link to new registration site now available on the St Joe's website. Go to: Students --> CYO Athletics --> Volleyball --> Register Here

Volleyball Registration Fee: \$65

All registration costs will be billed to your account. Payment arrangements for non-school families can be made by contacting Jordan Howell at jhowell@stjosephsea.org.

Please contact Liz Pauldine (effell@comcast.net) with any questions regarding the volleyball program.

Peace Days for Women

Wednesday, January 15, 2014
from 9:30 am - 2:00 pm

St. Mary-on-the-Lake Peace and Spirituality Center,
1663 Killarney Way, Bellevue, WA 98004

Free-will offering. Bring a sack lunch, coffee and tea provided. We encourage you to carpool. To register or for more information contact Diane Figaro at 425-635-3603 or e-mail peace@csjp-olp.org

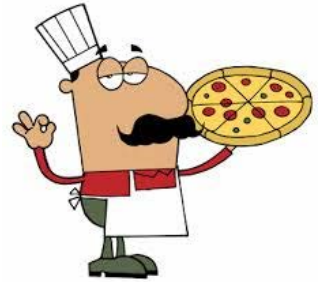
Get ready for: Bishop Blanchet High School's "Big Band Bash"

It's a blast and supports the jazz programs!
Saturday January 25, 2014

Live Music and Dancing, Jazz Band &
Choir Performances, Buffet Dinner
\$25 Adults & \$5 Students

Reserve your seats or table soon so you don't miss out. Order online <http://www.bishopblanchet.org/bigband-bash.php> or call Elaine at 206-932-5213 for info.

Family Mass & Dinner Dance Party



February 8th at the 5:00 pm
Mass please come and listen
to the St. Joseph Children's Choir.

After Mass, join us for pizza, pasta, salad, bread, beverages, & dessert. \$10.00 for the first adult, \$5.00 for each additional family member.

DJ, dancing, facepainting and a graffiti wall for entertainment. Don't miss out on all the fun! RSVP to cff@stjosephparish.org.

All are welcome (reminder to CFF 1 & 2 families: participation in this event is part of your formation program). To volunteer please contact Cristina Murphy at mattcrismurphy@yahoo.com

Hosted by the PAB & Parish.

Ignatian Spirituality 101

*An introduction to the basics of Ignatian prayer
& spirituality*

Thursday, January 16, 2014 | 7:00 – 9:00 pm | Mother
Teresa Room, St. Joseph Parish Center, Seattle

What is Ignatian spirituality all about? What might Ignatian prayer and spirituality have to offer me? The first Jesuit Pope, Pope Francis, is grounded in Ignatian spirituality. If you have heard of Ignatian spirituality, but would like to know more, this evening of introduction to the basics of Ignatian prayer and spirituality is for you! Come learn more about the life of St. Ignatius and key elements of Ignatian spirituality, experience Ignatian prayer, and learn how this rich spiritual tradition is kept alive locally.

No cost. For more information or to RSVP, email Andrea Fontana, Program Coordinator, or call 206.329.4824.



Prayer

This Week On the Willis...



Last summer I was asked to perform on the 10th anniversary "organ plus" concert series at St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral here on Capitol Hill. In 2003, St. Mark's installed a Paul Fritts organ (Op. 22) in their chapel. Since its installation, the organ has been used for Masses, weddings, funerals and the organ plus concert series. The concert series was designed to be an intimate experience of organ music combined with

other instruments and presented in a succinct one hour on Sunday afternoons throughout the year.

I have the great privilege of collaborating with my friend and colleague Brian Fairbanks for this concert. Brian is the Associate Musician at St. Mark's Cathedral and he is a professional flutist. (And in my opinion, one of the best flutists in town!) We will be presenting a program of 20th and 21st century music, some being for flute and organ and other compositions for organ solo.

You can check out a preview of the concert by googling "Stuntebeck/Fairbanks Concert" or going to the following address: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EqzJfVRLwAc>

The concert is at St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral in Thomssen Chapel on Sunday, February 2, 2014 at 2pm. Their street address is 1245 10th Ave E, Seattle, WA 98102.

I hope to see many St. Joseph Parishioners at the concert!

John Stuntebeck, Organist/Pianist

St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions: Lord, protect our community and let the spirit grow and make us stronger through participation and understanding . . . Watch over our precious children as they return to school . . . For Sharon's continued daily progress . . . For the well being of Martha, Ann, Mary, Helen, Betty, Scott, Cregan, Michael, Peter and Reilly . . . Gratitude for the amazing support of our parishioners for the successful Epiphany Dinner enjoyed by the wider community . . . For the safe being of travelers and for those living in areas where the snow has been a challenge . . . Thank you to First Responders who show up in to help others in the face of danger or natural disasters .



***"Though I walk amid distress, you preserve me;
Against the anger of my enemies
You raise your hand;
Your right hand saves me.
The Lord will complete what he has done for me;
Your kindness, O Lord, endures forever;
Forsake not the work of your hands."***

~ Psalm 138: 7-8

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@questoffice.net or 206-286-0313.



Day of Contemplative Prayer

Saturday, January 18, 2014 from 9:00 am - 12:00 noon
at St. Mary-on-the-Lake Chapel, 1663 Killarney Way,
Bellevue, WA 98004

If you are coming for the first time to Contemplative Prayer, please arrive at 8:30 am 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



Social Ministry

Cabrini Workshop

"The Peacemaking Journey: From Conflict through Forgiveness to Reconciliation and More" is a workshop presented by John Reid of The Reid Group. Using the Beatitudes as our starting point, we will explore the challenges and opportunities of conflict and pathways to forgiveness, reconciliation and more. This event will be held on **Saturday, January 25** from 9 am-1 pm at St. Mary-on-the-Lake at 1663 Killarney Way, Bellevue, in the Peace and Spirituality Center.

Suggested donation is \$30-50 or whatever you can afford- all money goes to support scholarships for Cabrini Ministry Training. For further information and to RSVP, please call Lisa Dennison (CMT Training Coordinator) at 206-234-3614.

A Message from St. Francis House

Dear Steve, Happy New Year!

Thank you for helping make the St Francis House 2013 Christmas Toy Program a success with your parish's generous gift donations. We send our heartfelt gratitude to your parishioners for their contributions and to all the people who helped organize and arrange the collection of gifts.

As a result of your charitable help, we gave brand new toys to over 623 children aged 12 and younger. Approximately 239 families came to St. Francis House over the three day period before Christmas and received a new gift for each child. Plus, each family went home with a game, a book and a stuffed animal. I wish we could pass along the hundreds of smiles that we saw, send you all the hugs we got, and share with you all the tears, gratitude and thank you's we received. It was an overwhelming and rewarding experience for all of us involved, both the families and our volunteers.

St. Francis House appreciates your continued support – it is always heartwarming and fulfills our shared mission of helping those in need. We look forward to working with you again next Christmas and we wish you all a blessed New Year.

Blessings,
Rose Flaherty
St. Francis House

St. Joseph MOM'S Group

3-Part Series

Creativity and Spirituality

Three Wednesday Mornings; January 15, 22, and 29
9:30-11am, coffee & check-in begins at 9am

St. Joseph Parish Center - Main Floor

Childcare available (advanced notice required)

Total Cost: \$25 or \$30 including childcare (scholarships available)

"The making of art can be a prayer, laying claim to who we are in order that we might come to understand the possibility lying dormant in our strong, frail, hurting, hurtful, fearful, courageous selves" - Catherine Moon

In this three-week series, explore your understanding of your personal faith journey through creative exploration. Through process based work, you will see art as a means of individual expression and a celebration of that which makes you uniquely you. The product is of no consequence; it is the journey of exploration of God's gifts to you.

As we close the Advent season, we will focus on the holiday experience and what it means to us as Catholic women and mothers.

Our sessions will be facilitated by Darcy Marlow, M.Ed, LMHCA. She is a parent and former art teacher at St. Joseph School, holds a master's degree in Mental Health Counseling and Art Therapy from Antioch University Seattle, a master's degree in Curriculum Design from Seattle University, and has a private Mental Health Counseling practice.

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

Seniors On the Go

• **Wednesday, January 22** - Trip to Bellevue Museum including Special Exhibit "The Wonderful World of Paper"

10am – 3:00pm (Transportation provided from St. Joe's)
\$7.00 – Senior Admission to the Museum plus lunch
To sign-up contact Renee at the Parish Center rleet@stjosephparish.org or 324-2522 ext 100



Pope - ourri

Homily of Pope Francis on the Feast of the Name of Jesus

The heart of Christ is the heart of a God who, out of love, “emptied” himself. Every one of us Jesuits who follow Jesus should be willing to empty himself. We are called to this abasement: to be of the “emptied.” To be men that do not live centered on themselves because the center of the Society is Christ and his Church. And God is the *Deus semper maior*, the God who always surprises us. And if the God of surprises is not at the center, the Society becomes disoriented. Because of this, to be a Jesuit means to be a person of incomplete thought, of open thought: because one always thinks looking at the horizon which is the ever greater glory of God, who ceaselessly surprises us. And this is the restlessness of our void, this holy and beautiful restlessness!

However, because we are sinners, we can ask ourselves if our heart has kept the restlessness of the search or if, instead, it has atrophied; if our heart is always in tension: a heart that does not settle down, a heart that does not shut itself in on itself, but which beats the rhythm of a journey to undertake together with all the faithful people of God. It is necessary to seek God to find Him, and to find him in order to seek Him again and forever. Only this restlessness gives peace to the heart of a Jesuit, a restlessness that is also apostolic, which must not make us grow tired of proclaiming the *Kerygma*, of evangelizing with courage. It is the restlessness that prepares us to receive the gift of apostolic fruitfulness. Without restlessness we are sterile.

This is the restlessness that Peter Favre [Faber] had, man of great desires, another Daniel. Favre was a “modest, sensible man of profound interior life and gifted with the gift of close relations of friendship with persons of all sorts” (Benedict XVI, *Address to Jesuits*, April 22, 2006). However, he was also a restless, uncertain and never satisfied spirit. Under the guidance of Saint Ignatius he learned to unite his restless but also gentle -- I would say exquisite --, sensibility with the capacity to take decisions. He was a man of great desires; he took charge of his desires, he acknowledged them. In fact for Favre, it was precisely when difficult things were proposed that his true spirit was manifested which moved him to action (cf. *Memoriale*, 301). Authentic faith always implies a profound desire to change the world. Here is the question we should ask ourselves: do we

also have great visions and dash? Are we also daring? Does our dream fly high? Does zeal devour us (cf. *Psalms* 69:10)? Or are we mediocre and content with our laboratory apostolic programs? Let us remember always: the strength of the Church does not lie in herself and in her organizational capacity, but is hidden in the profound waters of God. And these waters agitate our desires and desires enlarge the heart. It is what Saint Augustine says: pray to desire and desire to enlarge the heart. In fact it was in his desires that Favre could discern God’s voice. Without desires one goes nowhere and it is because of this that we must offer our desires to the Lord. Stated in the *Constitutions* is that “one’s neighbor has helped with desires presented to God our Lord” (*Constitutions*, 638).

(Delivered 3 January 2014 at the church of the Gesu, Rome on the occasion of the canonization of St. Peter Favre, S.J.)



"THE SINGING THING"
WEEKLY REFLECTIONS ON THE MUSIC WE
USE AT ST JOSEPH'S
~ROBERT McCAFFERY-LENT



Liturgy & Music



The church's document "Sing To the Lord" states that *"Faith grows when it is well expressed in celebration. Good celebrations foster and nourish faith. Poor celebrations may weaken and destroy it."*

When we celebrate "well" it seems effortless, natural, Spirit guided. Indeed it is Spirit guided but it is by no means effortless! To the contrary there are many, many people of St. Joseph who gave in "extra-ordinary ways" so that we might pray well together as this special time of year. Thanks to:

- Fr. John and Fr. Glen for presiding over our communal prayer and breaking open the word for us...
- Sue Grady, Jim Schneider, Monica Stein and Anna Clark for breaking open the word for us during Advent...
- To Deacon Steve for holding us in prayer even as we were holding him in prayer as he spent time with his family back east...
- To our Liturgy Commission for their ongoing careful work in nurturing and preparing the liturgical life of St. Joseph and to Mark Mills for chairing this group...
- To our Artist-In-Residence Julie Olsen for the amazing banners that bring light and color and inspiring design into our worship space...
- To the St. Joseph Choir who prepared through months of rehearsals so that we might raise our voices in song and pray through music on Christmas Eve...
- John Stuntebeck for playing beautiful music, accompanying the choir, preparing the choir's music folders and creating the order of worship that we might all be able to participate fully...
- George Mead for organizing and preparing the Lectors, and for all who served as lectors, that we might hear the word proclaimed clearly and boldly...
- To Dan Tobin, our sacristan, for the careful attention to the details of all the important items we take for granted at liturgy: the candles, hosts and wine, vestments... the list goes on...
- To Rick Boyle for organizing and directing the choir of St. Joseph School alumni so that we might delight in their presence and pray well through song at the 6 p.m. Christmas Eve liturgy...
- To Mary Kargas for preparing the youth lectors a the 6 pm mass...

• All the youth who served at the altar carrying crosses, candles, books, etc. so that we might celebrate well at all the masses...

• To our facilities manager, Yuri Kondratyuk for providing warmth and light in the church and figuring out how to make our crazy ideas work.

• And to our custodian, Jorge, and to all who volunteered their time to get their fingernails dirty in helping to prepare the church so that we might have a clean and beautiful space in which to gather for prayer...

• Bruce Mirkin for organizing and preparing the ushers for all the Christmas liturgies, and to all who served as ushers, making St. Joseph a place of welcome and hospitality and helping us to find a find a seat (easier said than done on Christmas Eve!)

• The 5:30 music ensemble for helping us to raise a joyful song on Christmas morning...

• Mary Sepulveda for organizing and preparing the Eucharistic Ministers, and to all who served as EMs... that we might approach the table as one...the body of Christ...sharing the Body of Christ...to be nourished at the table of the Lord.

• To Renee and Lynn in the parish center who carefully (and cheerfully!) prepared the orders of worship and prayer cards that we might have the "things" we need to participate fully...

• Staff member Dottie Farewell being present at several liturgies, working the sound board that we might hear clearly and avoid being blessed by "feedback" and to staff member Rebecca Frisino for keeping us all "in touch" via the parish website and beautifully designed E-Blasts...

• Caprice Sauter, our parish bookkeeper and doer of so "many different things", for keeping us informed via the parish bulletin, feeding the decorators...the list goes on...

• To anyone I may have inadvertently forgotten to mention!

• And, indeed, to all who came through the doors and raised our voices in spoken and sung prayer, and opened our hearts and minds to the possibility of hearing the old, old stories in a new way...opening our entire selves to the possibility of Christ being born anew in each one of us...transforming the world even as we are transformed.

Happy New Year



St. Peter Favre

1506 - 1546

On 3 January 2014, Pope Francis canonized St. Peter Favre, the first companion of Ignatius Loyola, and the first priest among the companions (in the widow to the left, he is presiding at mass).

Born 13 April 1506 in Savoy, Peter grew up the son of a shepherd, but was gifted in school. Sent to Paris, he roomed with Francis Xavier (who was the same age) and met Ignatius in 1529, when he became their third roommate. Peter tutored Ignatius in Philosophy and Ignatius took Peter under his wing in spiritual guidance. Ordained in 1534, Peter followed Ignatius in the founding of the Society of Jesus. Scholarly and spiritual, Favre went from town to town, sent on various missions by the Holy See. Until, on his way to Trent, he died on 1 August 1546.

Pope Francis said of him - "Favre had the real and profound desire to 'be made greater in God': he was completely centered on God, and because of this he could go, in the spirit of obedience, often on foot, everywhere in Europe to speak to all with gentleness, and to proclaim the Gospel."