FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT March 9, 2014

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

Readings for March 16, 2014

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8b-10 Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

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 www.stjosephparish.org Parish Receptionist (206) 324-2522

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Lent at St. Joseph

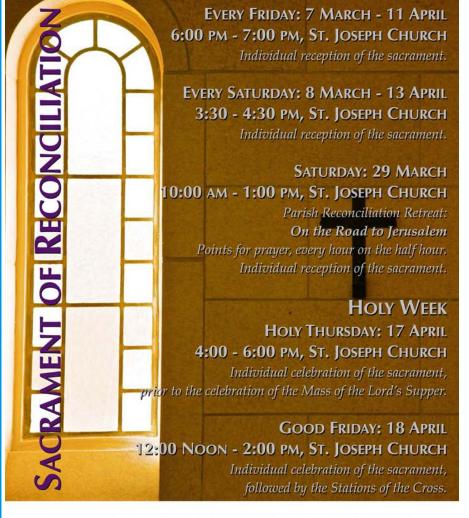
"Lent comes providentially to reawaken us, to shake us from our lethargy."

~Pope Francis

"The formidable power that forgiveness exercises in our lives enables us to acknowledge that the decisions of human life, even when they turn out badly, are not above repair."

-Doris Donnelly-

Come & Receive the Light That is Offered



Remember: you may always call for an individual appointment for the sacrament.

Reconciliation will not be available on Saturday, 19 April.



The Beginning of Wisdom

Remember, if we are to be of help to them, we must be careful to regard them with love, to love them in deed and in truth, and to banish from our souls any thought that might lessen our love for them.

-St. Peter Faber, advice to confessors-

The Christmas after my ordination to the priesthood, I volunteered to go to Alaska for a couple of weeks, and serve at the small mission church of Chefornak—an Eskimo village on the far west coast, near the mouth of the Yukon River. I landed on the frozen dirt runway in a combination cargo and passenger plane, and it was 65° below zero, with a strong wind blowing across the treeless tundra. While dragging my bag through the village—the parishioner who was to meet me, it turned out, had been told the wrong day—I could feel the flu that had struck me the night before coming back; and I began to wonder what I was doing there.

But the next day was Christmas Eve, and so I went to the priest's house and went to bed. In the morning, around 10 am (nothing in the bush of Alaska begins before 10, especially during the winter), I went to the Church and, sitting in the cold closet that was used for a confessional, I prepared for a couple of hours of Confessions. But for the next 8 hours, I sat and listened as every man, woman, and child over the age of 7 came in to unburden their hearts in preparation for midnight Mass.

What was difficult for me, at first, was that more than half of those who came to confess spoke only Yupik—a language in which I am not at all conversant, except for "y", which means yes, and "guiyana", which means thank you. But gradually I came to realize that, even if I could not respond to the particular sins, or even understand what was being said, it hardly mattered.

What mattered more was that the Church—the People of God—was here, incarnated and symbolized by my presence, but greater and broader and richer than I could ever be.

What mattered more was that Christ was here—listening and forgiving, loving and remembering, understanding and consoling what only he could touch.

What mattered more was that the Spirit of God was here—a Spirit for whom Yupik or English, Chinese or Tagalog, Spanish or Athabascan, Gaelic or Greek offers no barrier.

What mattered more was that the Gospel was here—not as the source of God's presence (for God lived in that village long before those Jesuit missionaries arrived, 80 years before), but as the living testament of God's promise and God's gift.

What mattered more was that these women and men could speak their struggles and their separation aloud, and hear it received and forgiven in the blessing of Christ and the Church. For the essence of the Sacrament of Reconciliation transcends the weakness of the confessor or the limitations of the venue; it rests in the human need to externalize the sins of our heart, to offer them both spiritually and physically to Christ Jesus, who came, in body and spirit, to set us free. The words of absolution, then, are not some sort of incantation by which the priest magically frees the penitent; rather, they are physical symbols of that invisible reality of God's healing love. They are symbols we need, since we are physical, as well as spiritual beings; and they are symbols we have been given, through the Incarnation of Christ and the abiding incarnation of the Church.

Since that extraordinary experience in my first year of priesthood, I have sat down with men and women for the Sacrament of Reconciliation with a more profound awareness that I am not there to fix them, let alone to judge them. The role of a priest in Confession is to love the person who comes before him with the honest and merciful love of Jesus Christ. To be, as it were, the ears of Christ into which each person can pour his struggle or her pain; to be the voice of Christ, who can say aloud to that person, "God created the world out of love for you; Christ lived and died and was raised to prove how much you are loved; and the Holy Spirit is sent to you, right now, that your sins—all that distances you from God may be forgiven. Receive, body and soul, God's absolving love!" It is up to God, cooperating with each person, to do the rest.

This Lent, as we engage in practices of fasting and almsgiving, as we try to find opportunities for prayer, either communally or personally, we are invited to begin with the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We begin here because we are sinners, i.e., because we encounter in our own lives things that keep us from experiencing God's love and sharing that love with others (or with ourselves). We are called to this sacrament not because the priest will understand all things and give us all the answers-indeed, we may not even seem to speak the same language. Rather, we are called to this sacrament because we need to place ourselves—even our brokenness and hurt—into the hands of God; need to place our sins, through ritual and naming, outside ourselves, and to replace these words of confession with words of blessing and hope, with words that promise that for which our hearts always long: the promise God is waiting beyond the darkness of our fears to embrace us with a love beyond all telling. Believing that, we are ready to walk with Christ, even to the cross and the grave.





Lent at St. Joseph

Stations of the Cross

Fridays during Lent from 11:00 am to 11:30 am, in the church. *Begins Friday, March 7th*.

Keeping The Light On

Reconciliation will be offered Friday evenings from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm in the church. **Begins Friday, March 7th.**

Novena of Grace 2014
There is Something Greater Here

Matt Barmore, Fr. Peter Ely, S.J. & Marilyn Nash, presenters

Wednesday, March 12 – Thursday, March 20, 2014 Weekdays: 12:30 pm at Seattle University Chapel of St. Ignatius and 7:00 pm at St. Joseph Church, Seattle

Saturday, March 15: 1:00 pm only at St. Joseph Church Sunday, March 16: 1:00 pm only at Chapel of St. Ignatius

Are you longing to find a meaningful connection to God in your busy schedule? Are you thirsting to hear spiritual wisdom relevant to your daily life? Are you uplifted by worshipping in community with others?

If so, enter more deeply into Lent this year by participating in the Novena of Grace, a meaningful nine-day "retreat in everyday life."

For more information, contact (206)329-4824 or visit www.ignatiancenter.org. Sponsored by the Ignatian Spirituality Center.

Lent is a call to weep for what we could have been and are not. Lent is the grace to grieve for what we should have done and did not. Lent is the opportunity to change what we ought to change but have not. Lent is not about penance. Lent is about becoming, doing and changing whatever it is that is blocking the fullness of life in us right now.

Lent is a summons to live anew

~Sister Joan Chittister, OSB



Pray. Fast. Give. With Rice Bowl.

CRS Rice Bowl Reflection: Kenya

This week, CRS Rice Bowl invites us to enter into solidarity with the people of Kenya. We are encouraged to reflect on the Catholic social teaching principle, Sacredness and Dignity of the Human Person, and reminded that our inherent dignity comes from our creation as children of God and not from any of our own actions. Let us pray this week for our brothers and sisters in Kenya and all around the world, that we may respect and uphold the sacredness of life and dignity of all people

As a community, let's once again Consider these simple, yet powerful, ways to bring Lenten spirituality to life each day.

Rides Available

St. Joseph's will provide rides to the 12:30 pm weekday service of the Novena of Grace at the Chapel of St. Ignatius (March 12-20th) The bus will leave St. Joseph's Parish Center at 12 Noon.

To reserve a seat on the bus please contact Renee at 324-2522 ext 100 or rleet@stjosephparish.org

Online Lenten Resources

Here are some online prayer resources to help guide your Lenten journey.

http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Lent/

http://pray-as-you-go.org/prayer-resources/lent-retreat/

http://retreats.sacredspace.ie/



St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions: For the well being of Tricia, Ann, Mary Lou, Helen, Maureen, Danny, Michael, Cregan, Betty, Kay, Cecilia, Chris and Scott . . . For Cindy and her mother as they make decisions . . . For a friend's son who celebrates three years of sobri-



ety . . . For Sharon who has come home after major surgery and is making daily progress in her recovery and for her husband, Herb, who has been a continued source of love, caring and strength . . . For Brian's recovery from recent heart valve surgery . . . For Jim who is battling cancer . . . As we begin Lent, let us think about that place deep within ourselves where the hunger of our souls and the heart of God meet.

"You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, Say to the Lord, 'My refuge and my strength, my God in whom I trust.'"

~ Psalm 91:1-2

Rest in Peace

For Jean Devine who passed away on Monday.

For Eddie O'Brien, brother of John O'Brien, Who recently passed away.

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, And let perpetual light shine upon them."

Mass For The Special Needs Community

Archbishop J. Peter Sartain invites us all to celebrate a Mass for our special needs community, including families, friends and our faith communities.

Saturday - April 5, 2014, 11:00 am St. James Cathedral, - Seattle Reception to follow in the Isaac Orr Conference Center

For more information, please contact: Erica Cohen Moore (206) 382-4852.

St. Joseph Parish Men's Ministry

Please join us for a Lenten Home Mass & Potluck Supper

Friday March 21st 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm At the Home of Rod Bench 1520 38th Ave. E 98112 206-329-5678

Our Presider will be Fr. Glen Butterworth SJ and our musician will be Rob Carroll

Vegetarian lasagna provided.
Everyone invited to bring a salad, bread, dessert and beverage of choice to share.
Please RSVP with what you are bringing

For information, email or call Deacon Steve at 965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org

Spread the Word All are welcome at this table!

Immersions in Ignatian Prayer: Experience Ignatian prayer this Lent & Easter

Mar 11, Mar 25, Apr 8, Apr 22, 2014 6:30-8:45 pm | St. Joseph Church

March 11: Examen: Finding God in Your Life with Tim Malone - Located in the Brebeuf room

March 25: Igniting the Imagination in Prayer with Carla Orlando - Located in the Church

April 8: An Embodied Encounter with God: Applying all the Senses in Prayer with Joseph Carver, SJ - Located in the Church

April 22: Deepening Your Prayer: Following God's Love in your Life (incl. the Contemplatio) with Lisa Dennison - Located in the Arrupe room

Cost: \$90 for the series of 5 evenings; \$20 for each individual evening.

For more information, contact Andrea Fontana, Program Coordinator at (206) 329-4824 or andrea@ignatiancenter.org or visit www.ignatiancenter.org





Prayer Shawl Ministry

Please join us for an evening of prayer, knitting, and fellowship. ALL levels of knitting ability are welcome. The St. Joe's Prayer Shawl

Ministry is going stong with many beautiful shawls completed. They have been blessed and will go to people in need of comfort and healing. Please mark your calendars for the following meeting dates and join us for any of the dates that work for your schedule. (Shawls can always be worked on at home in between meetings.)

Meetings will be in the Parish Center from 7 to 9 in the evening.

Thursday, March 6th Thursday, April 3rd Thursday, May 1st Thursday, June 5th

Yarn is available if desired. We welcome yarn donations from the parish. Worsted and bulky weight yarns are best. Please leave donations in the parish center office. If you have any questions or need help getting started, please contact Jennifer Rothmeyer at jenniferrothmeyer@hotmail.com



An excerpt from Pope Francis general audience on Ash Wednesday.

"In these days the Church asks us to ponder with joy and gratitude God's immense love revealed in the paschal mystery and to live ever more fully the new life we have received in Baptism. This journey of spiritual renewal in the footsteps of Christ also calls us to acknowledge and respond to the growing spiritual and material poverty in our midst."

"Specifically, it means consciously resisting the pressure of a culture which thinks it can do without God, where parents no longer teach their children to pray, where violence, poverty and social decay are taken for granted."

Thank You!

Dear St. Joseph parishioners,

On the weekend of February 22, I pedaled 230 miles to nowhere for 8.5 hours and through your generosity, I raised \$1,584.00 toward my goal of \$3,000. Over the many years I have done my pedal for a cure, I have been blessed by your prayers and monetary support. Until next year, thanks once again for helping me raise funds to assist in research to find a cure for cancers.

As I cross the finish line for my event April 13, I will have all of you in my thoughts and prayers.

If anyone still wants to help me meet my goal you can go to: http://pages.teamintraining.org/wa/whidbey14/kmarion

Kathy Marion

St. Vincent de Paul

We volunteers in the St. Vincent de Paul Society Conference at St. Joseph's want to thank you all again for supporting our work to help the poor and desperate. Every penny of what you contribute goes out to people who need help: with food, utility bills, clothing, rent, bus transportation. Each contribution you make helps. Each is big in the scheme of how our parish community reaches out to others.

Those of you who donate each first Sunday by check should have received a letter both of thank you and for reporting your income taxes—that is if you itemize your deductions. The careful recording of check donations by our volunteers Dan Tobin and Pat Thenell has given us the capacity to do this now in a way we could not before. We hope you find this useful.

Another upgrade this year will be our shift to providing Orca cards for people needing help with bus transportation. These cards will give users more flexibility and will

be easier for us to manage. It's a small improvement but one that is made possible by your support.



Music Ministry Bulletin Columns – March 9, 2014

"The Singing Thing:" Weekly Reflections on Music at St. Joseph



"Where have all the alleluias gone?"

Each week, following the second reading and after a brief period of silence that gives all the opportunity to reflect on the scripture we have just listened to, the cantor intones the strains of the gospel acclamation. We all stand as the deacon makes his way to altar where he retrieves the book of the gospels and holds it high for all to see. He then makes his way the ambo for the proclamation of the gospel, the high point of the liturgy of the word, all the while accompanied by our singing the word "Alleluia!" That is, except during the season of Lent. In it's place we sing "Glory to you, O word of God; Lord, Jesus Christ."

The absence of the acclamation of praise, *Alleluia*, is just one of several ways that we instantly recognize that we have moved from the season of Ordinary time into Lent. As you arrive you will that the church is decorated more starkly...there are no flowers...the winter banners in the rear of the nave have been removed and the large green banners that flank the high altar have been taken down. There is more silence in the liturgy and we begin and end each mass with the simple tolling of a bell rather than an organ prelude and postlude. As the opening procession proceeds you see that the vestments worn by our priests and deacon are a vivid purple, the liturgical color of Lent long associated with penitence. After the opening greeting instead of launching into the joyful *Gloria* everyone kneels, the traditional posture of penitence as we pray the penitential rite. Though we ordinarily pray the penitential rite each Sunday during Lent it is emphasized by our posture of kneeling, by praying the Confiteor together and then singing, rather than speaking, "*Kyrie eleison*" which is Greek for "*Lord have mercy*." The length and solemnity of the penitential rite says "This is Lent...our Lent."

We do not sing the Gloria again until the liturgy of Holy Thursday and the Alleluia does not return until the Great Vigil of Easter on Holy Saturday night. The accompaniment for the music during Lent is also pared down considerably – we do a fair bit of singing "a cappella" (voices alone...no instrumental accompaniment at all) and we refrain from singing a song of praise at the end of the liturgy but take a little more time for reflection and meditation.

There is a consistency in song, in color and in pace that ties together the six weeks of Lent giving the season a unity that allows the rites to become familiar to us and helps us to pray. When it has this kind of consistency it allows the things that are unique to each week - the scriptures, the Scrutinies for the Elect to be baptized at the Easter vigil, the celebration of Reception into the church for the Candidates – these have a well prepared place to do their work.

Though we have now been marked with ashes, life bustles on doesn't it? But isn't there also something here that calls into question all of that bustling? That speaks of working through pretenses...of getting to the real...breaking through facades. This is the annual gift of Lent...this invitation to go on retreat together as a parish, with the elect and candidates in our midst leading the way as they prepare for their final initiation into the fullness of the community. May the words of psalm 51 inspire us to enter into this retreat wholeheartedly:

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right sprit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence and do not take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

Psalm 51

The St. Joseph Choir is seeking singers to join us for the season of Lent and Easter. We rehearse Wednesday evenings from 7-9:30 and sings the 9 a.m. Sunday mass, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. For more information contact Robert McCaffery-Lent: <u>Rmclent@stiospephparish.org</u> or 206-965-1649.



Seniors On the Go

• Friday, April 4 - Healing Mass at 11:30 am followed by Seniors Luncheon in the Parish Center.

Please join us for Stations of the Cross before the Anointing Mass begins at 11:00 am.

SU Choir

Seattle University Chorale to sing 5 pm mass on March 15th: The Seattle University Chorale, under the direction of Dr. Joy Sherman and Associate Dr. Lee Peterson, have been in residence at St. Joseph for many years. It is a choir comprised of Seattle University students and some staff and they will be coming to St. Joseph to sing and help us to pray the lenten liturgy at 5 pm mass next weekend March 15th.

St. Joseph's Womens Ministry

St. Joseph's Women's Ministry Group invites you to join us for "Coffee Connect" Saturday March 15 from 10 am to 11am at Starbucks, 4000 E Madison. Contact Sheila Sifferman Marie for details, 206.251.7035.

All are welcome to join us!

Magis Alumni Day of Prayer

Saturday, March 22nd, held in the Ecumenical Chapel on campus from 8:30 am – 3 pm. We have retreat leaders Jean Ederer and Fr. Paul Fitterer, SJ who look forward to being with our alumni this day. This Ignatian retreat is designed for Jesuit alumni who are 50+ or consider themselves as in the "second half of life"; the retreat is ecumenical. Family and friends are welcome, too.

Email Magis to register magis-rsvp@seattleu.edu

Calling all Children!

Our CFF3/4 & 5/6 Sunday School classes will be performing the Passion after the 9am mass on Palm Sunday, April 13th in the Parish Center. Any children in grades 3rd thru 6th interested in being a member of the acting or set crews please contact Dottie Farewell at dfarewell@stjosephparish.org

Welcome The Newly Baptized

Elizabeth Loretta Cable
William John Cable
Elias Francis Cote
Niall John Doran
Erick Kaser Earls
Elijah Zian Kwong Flores
Emerson Lucia Franquelo
Ira Jack Gibson
Mia Emiko Ichiki
Finn Theodore McBride
Ruby Genevieve Reykdal
Ronin James Schirman
Claire Violet Siems
Joseph George Stinson

Annual Peronteau Retreat

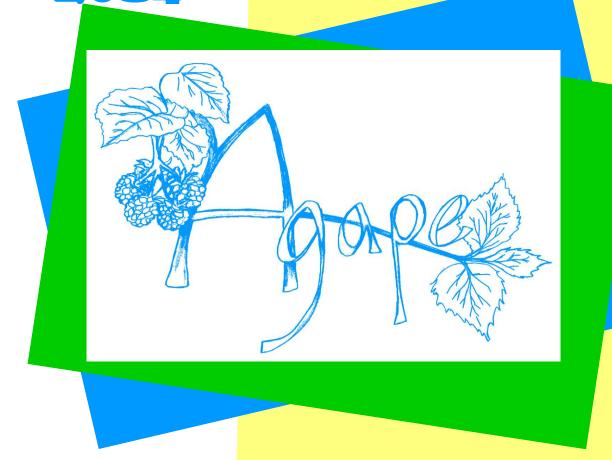
Tuesday, March 25th, 9:30 am Campion Chapel at Seattle University

Retreat led by Fr. Glen Butterworth, S.J.

RSVP to Diane Sweeney 206-898-8906 or swnster@gmail.com no later than March 18th. Free will offering will be taken, parking avail in garage off of James St. (same as auction).



Agape Service Project St. Joseph August 3-8th 2014



Sponsored by Newman Catholic Campus Ministry Contact Dottie Farewell at dfarewell@stjosephparish.org TODAY!!

WHO: current 5th thru 8th graders are eligible to apply. *10 hours of service may be used toward your 8th graders required 20 hours for the 2014-15 school year.

WHEN: Sunday, August 3rd thru Friday, August 8th. There will be two organizational meetings in advance of the trip and a blessing at the 9:30am mass on Aug. 3rd.

WHERE: we begin and end at St. Joseph Parish, Seattle. The program is held in Whatcom County: we stay at Sacred Heart Parish in Fairhaven, WA; farms and food bank are in Lynden, WA.

HOW & HOW MUCH: transportation provided by parish bus & private car; total cost is \$195.



St. Joseph MOM'S Group

Growing Your Spiritual Garden Three Wednesday Mornings; March 26, April 9 and 16

9:30-11 am, coffee & check-in begins at 9 am St. Joseph Parish Center - Main Floor Childcare available (advanced notice required) Cost: \$25 or \$30 including childcare (scholarships available)

Come deepen your Lenten experience through this series using gardening as a metaphor for the unfolding of the Pascal Mystery.

Over the course of our 3 weeks together, we'll explore the steps of designing, building, and tending our uniquely personal spiritual gardens while being mindful of Christ's message of salvation. Our mornings will include prayers, quiet reflection and group sharing.

This series will be facilitated by Sue Grady, MDiv. Sue's recent graduation from Seattle University and focus on ministry and women's spirituality comes after her retirement from a lengthy career in the technology industry. She is a St. Joseph parishioner who enjoys facilitating retreats, scripture study, book clubs and serving as a spiritual director.

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

Praying with the Arts

We've long associated great art with great faith and devotion, but how often do we focus on specific works of art to draw closer to God? The Rev. Louise Holert offers "Praying with the Arts" as a Lenten retreat. Held at St. Mary-on-the-Lake in Bellevue on Saturday, April 12, the retreat begins at 9 am and ends at 1:30 pm.

The theme is "The Suffering and the Glory of Christ." The goal is to deepen our relationship with Jesus through solidarity with His sufferings and His glory.

Masterpieces by Fra Angelico, Murillo and Dieric Bouts, along with Scripture, poetry and sacred music will enrich our reflection.

Cost is \$30, advance registration necessary. St. Mary's is at 1655-1633 Killarney Way. To register, go to www. prayingwiththearts.com

Video: John Whitney, SJ at the Crossroads Lecture Series

On Feb. 3, as part of the Province's annual Crossroads lecture series, John Whitney, SJ, pastor of St. Joseph Church in Seattle and former Oregon provincial, presented "Thinking as the Church: Communion, Conversation and Community in the Age of Francis." He discussed how Pope Francis has invited the Church into a new era of dialogue and explored how to engage doctrine and the community, and what this might mean for building a new Church as it faces controversial questions about governance, authority and clericalism, as well as who is included and who has a voice in the Church.

http://www.nwjesuits.org/video-john-whitney-sj-at-the-crossroads-lecture-series/

Update on 2013 Annual Catholic Appeal Parish Rebate

St. Joseph Parish just received our parish rebate check from the Spring 2013 Annual Catholic Appeal. We can't thank you enough for your generosity! As promised, we will divide the rebate of \$7,580.22 (the amount collected above our ACA goal) as follows:

- Jesuit Refugee Services(JRS) for Syrian relief \$3790.11
- St Joseph Parish youth faith formation fund \$3790.11

The Annual Catholic Appeal is the Spring Archdiocesan campaign that asks every Catholic for general support of 60+ ministries and services throughout Western Washington. Each parish is assigned an Annual Catholic Appeal goal. Any money received and exceeding the parish assigned goal is returned back to the parish to use for a stated project or as needed.

Parish Stewardship giving is our Fall annual appeal for direct support of St. Joseph Parish and our many liturgical, faith formation, social outreach, and operational needs.



Saturday, March 15th
6:00 pm
St. Joseph Wyckoff Gym



Visit our website www.stjosephparish.org to purchase tickets. Make your reservations early – this event is always a sell-out!!