TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME September 21, 2014

Homily Next Week: Steve Wodzanowski

Readings for September 28, 2014

First Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28
Second Reading: Philippians 2:
Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16a

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-Friday - 8 am - 4:30 pm Saturday - 9 am - 1 pm www.stjosephparish.org

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Come And See What The Catholic Faith Has To Offer

Tuesday, September 23rd 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 stevew@stjosephparish.org

All are welcome on this journey of faith!

Ignatian Companions: Small Group Spiritual Direction

For Men and Women (Rosanne Michaels, facilitating) OR For Men Only (Steve Wodzanowski, facilitating)

Information Evening FOR BOTH: Tuesday, October 14, 2014 7-8 pm | St. Joseph Parish Center, Seattle

Join a small group of 4-9 people committed to accompanying and supporting one another for the purpose of cultivating attention to God at work in prayer and daily life. Each evening will typically include communal prayer, ritual, check-in, shared reflections, careful listening, and silence. Each group member will be expected to have a regular prayer life, an ability and willingness to share about one's interior life and prayer, an openness to listening deeply to oneself and others, and experience with Ignatian spirituality This is a group spiritual direction process guided by experienced spiritual directors/ ISC facilitators. We hope you will prayerfully consider this rare opportunity to go more deeply into your life of prayer and faith with the support of Ignatian companions! Click here for more information on Ignatian Companions. Click here for bios of the facilitators, Rosanne Michaels or Steve Wodzanowski.

COST: \$225 program fee for 7 monthly gatherings; includes a \$25 refundable application fee due by Tuesday, October 21. Partial work scholarships and payment plans available. For more information, contact Andrea Fontana at (206) 329-4824. Sponsored by Ignatian Spirituality Center. www.ignatiancenter.org

The Presence of God

Earth's crammed with heaven, And every common bush afire with God; But only he who sees takes off his shoes; The rest sit round it and pluck blackberries.

-Elizabeth Barrett Browning-

This week St. Joseph School will celebrate its Mass of the Holy Spirit, the official blessing of the new school year that occurs in most Catholic schools. As is normal in such liturgies, there will be much talk of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and encouragement for the students to be open to grace (the theme at SJS this year) in receiving all that the Spirit offers. We will remind these young seekers that each of them bears in her heart the power and grace of God-i.e., the living Spirit of Creationthat has been given to her to know and love the world. We will call each to offer his grace to the community, and to open his mind and heart so that he might receive all the other gifts of grace that surround him. We will invite them all into that Catholic vision of the world, which is at the heart of our educational enterprise, a vision of the world where love is incarnate, where the presence of the Spirit is everywhere to be found, where "earth's crammed with heaven"—if you will open your eyes, your heart, and your mind to experience it.

Now, if we could only believe that ourselves.

Some days, of course, when the sun is shining and the work is done, when our children are around us and possibilities abound, it can be easy to sense the presence of God in our midst. Yet, in these days of ISIS and Ebola, of calls for another ground war in Iraq and no movement toward the care of immigrants seized on our border, when the stress level increases with the cloud cover around Puget Sound, it can be hard to open our eyes and our hearts to believe in the Holy Spirit, as we call our children to do. We keep our heads down and our calendars filled, and we forget (or find it impossible to conceive) that God is present in it all—that God cares for us and longs to intrude into every corner of our lives, in every moment of our world. Maybe we take time to have a few blackberries, but amid all the sorrows of our lives, it seems challenging to find heaven crammed into our earth, or the fire of God in the fires that scar our world. We desire to believe, desire what we say to our children to be more than a lovely myth—like Santa Claus or the Easter Bunny—told to fend off the dark realities of adulthood; yet, all the suffering of the world makes us question, makes us doubt, makes us despair that God really cares for each of us in the way we want to believe.

For the poet, Paul Claudel, this temptation to despair cannot be answered by theology or philosophy, by arguments or by insights. Rather, its answer lies in the Incarnation of Christ and the incomprehensible love found there. As he puts it: "God did not come to explain suffering; He came to fill it with His presence."

The faith we are invited to profess does not consist of propositions or dogmas, but of a loving encounter with a personal God, who came among us to share all that we are and to undergo all the struggles we undergo. The Incarnation of God in Jesus is not an explanation of human suffering, nor does it release us from anguish and pain, from sickness and suffering; but it means that, in none of those things, will we ever again be alone. God has become as we are, so that all we are might become united with God. In Jesus' life and death, in his resurrection and his sending of the Spirit, our experience—even the awful parts—becomes something filled with the presence of God. Jesus, the Son of God, has a living companionship with us; so that, in the shadow of suffering and loss, betrayal and illness, war and death, he can say, "I understand; I am there with you." And if that companionship does not alleviate all our pain, it gives us hope that we will never be alone, and testifies that no evil can ever separate us from the grace and mercy of God.

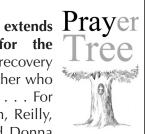
Every moment of human life is filled with grace, because God, in Jesus, has become part of the whole human experience—the anguish, as well as the joy. Thus, we pray, not simply to endure our suffering until God returns, but to grow more deeply aware of the God who suffers with us, and of the Christ, who transforms our suffering into a passionate communion by his love for each one of us. Earth is, indeed, crammed with heaven, and every common bush—even the ones with thorns—invite us to the feast of the Spirit and fullness of life in God.

St. Joseph Hosts A Croatian Mass October 4th, at Saturday 5 PM Mass

As part of CroatiaFest, a part of the Festal Series of Festivals held at the Seattle Center, a Croatian themed mass will be held at the regular 5PM Mass on Saturday October 4. Mass will be said in English and hymns will be sung in Croatian and played by a Croatian tamburitza orchestra. The tamburitza is a lute-like instrument similar to a mandolin. The festivities party with live music will be held across the street at the Russian Community Center for parishioners are invited to attend. Cost for the post mass celebration is \$10. For more information, visit the festival website atwww.croatiafest.org



St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions: For Paul's recovery after a fall . . . For a young mother who lost the baby she was carrying . . . For the wellbeing of Scott, Cregan, Reilly, Ann, Michael, Mary, Betty and Donna



. . . Grateful for the new job in San Francisco . . . For Laurie to be comforted by her faith, family and friends after her father's death.

"Be strong, courageous, and firm; fear not nor be in terror before them, for it is the Lord your God Who goes with you; He will not fail you or forsake, you."

~Deuteronomy 31:6

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

For Robert Lawson, brother of Maureen Caruso, who recently passed away.

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

Sacred Silence

A time for silent prayer and peace

The Sacred Silence prayer group gathers on Monday nights at 7 pm in the Church for an hour of silent prayer. Newcomers always welcome. Open to all types of prayer practice. People are encouraged to use whatever silent prayer practice works best for them whether it is centering prayer, Ignatian imagination or another prayer. Time is spent both sitting and walking in silence.



For information on Sacred Silence and silent prayer contact Jim Hoover at jhoover3law@qwestoffice.net or 206-286-0313.

Parish Holy Hour

Thusday, October 2, 7- 8 pm, join the Choose Life Ministry for a Rosary with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, in the Loyola Chapel of the Parish Center. Refreshments to follow.

All are welcome!

"What will save the world? My answer is prayer. What we need is for every Parish to come before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in Holy Hours of prayer."

"The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament...will help bring about an everlasting peace on earth."

-Mother Teresa of Calcutta



"In the Church, it is the Holy Spirit who creates harmony. Only the Spirit can awaken diversity, plurality, and multiplicity, while at the same time building unity. Here too, when we are the ones who try to create diversity and close ourselves up in what makes us different and other, we bring division. When we are the ones who want to build unity in accordance with our human plans, we end up creating uniformity, standardization. But if instead we let ourselves be guided by the Spirit, richness, variety and diversity never become a source of conflict, because he impels us to experience variety within the communion of the Church."





The Voice

The Voice, St. Joseph's High School Youth community, meets on Wednesdays from 7-8:30 at the St. Joseph's

Parish Center. All high school age students are invited to come join for food, friends and games!

Throughout the year, the Voice is open to all students interested in exploring their lives and spirituality more deeply – and just having some fun! The weekly activities vary widely, ranging from discussions to games to field trips. What remains the same though is the emphasis on community. The Voice seeks to create an open space in which students can come as they are, bringing their questions, their struggles and their excitement, without meeting any expectations or judgments. This community recognizes that high school students are all in different places with respect to their spirituality, and hopes only to provide a safe and fun space in which to grow.

Please contact Sam Kennedy (samk@stjosephparish.org) with any questions!

Seniors On The Go

Give a "hoot". The OWLS's Senior Potluck will be **Thursday, September 25th** in the Social Hall at 6:00 pm. Newcomers especially welcome! Need a ride or have any questions, call Dolores Dorn, 206-322-2259 or Mary Ott, 206-324-7459.

Mark your calendars with our other potluck dates:|
Thursday, December 11th
Tuesday, March 17th
Thursday, May 21st

Annointing Mass - Friday, October 3rd, 11:30 am in the Church. Please join us for a delicious lunch following the healing mass in the Parish Center.

Called to Protect

There is a *Called to Protect for Parents and Families* class on 09/25/2014 at 6:30 pm. at St. George Catholic Church, 5306 13th Ave S, Seattle, WA

Description:

THIS CLASS DOES NOT SATISFY ANY TRAINING RE-QUIREMENT FOR EMPLOYMENT OR VOLUNTEER SERVICE. This 1.5 hour optional training for parents, families and all interested in learning how to protect children. Participants will learn how to recognize signs of abuse; how to respond to suspected abuse and how to teach their children how to keep themselves safe.

To register: http://seattle.setanet.org/signup.php?classID=3268



Choir

Do you love to sing in the shower? Would you like to sing with other people who love to sing? JOIN THE CHOIR!

We are looking for new members to join us this year... both men and women. If you're interested talk to myself or any member of the choir after mass or contact me at the parish center or register for choir at the parish website!

http://www.stjosephparish.org/FormEntry.aspx?ID=36



Good News People

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. Good-News 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.

You are personally invited to participate in this exciting program! Good News People offers you the opportunity to:

- Meet other members of the parish and form a deeper sense of purpose and belonging
- Learn more about your faith and what it means to be a follower of Jesus
- Find renewed hope in living the Gospel and putting your faith into action

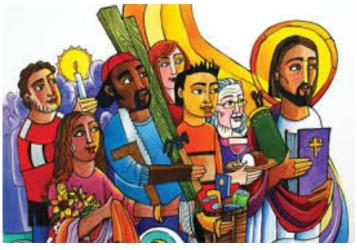
After all the Masses in September we will have registrations after Mass and there will be an opportunity to register on the parish website.

For more information contact: Steve Wodzanowki – stevew@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1646 or Vince Herberholt – vherberholt3@comcast.net or 206-491-4486.

Good News People Groups

All Groups start the week of October 6th and run for seven consecutive weeks.

Kick-off Plenary for all Groups is Thursday, October 2nd, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm Parish Hall.



"God has anointed me to bring good news to the poor..."
-Luke 4:18

Monday Evening, 7pm - 9 pm At the home of Debbie and John Marchione

16532 NE 98th Court, Redmond, Wa. 98052 marchione.deb@gmail.com

Tuesday Evening, 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm At the Parish Center

Facilitator: Gary Graf, gary@mrgseattle.com

Wednesday Morning, 9:00 am – 11:00 am At the Parish Center

Facilitator: Sue Grady, sue.e.grady@gmail.com

Wednesday Evening, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm At the Parish Center (Young Adult Group Ages: 21-35)

Facilitators: David Uhl, david.e.uhl@gmail.com and Laura McDowell, Imcdowel22@gmail.com

Thursday Evening, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm At the Parish Center

Facilitators: George and Monica Stein stein.georgew@gmail.com



Trip to El Salvador this November

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the six Jesuits and two women killed at University of Central America (UCA) November 16, 1989. In solidarity with our sister parish of San Bartolome in Arcateo, we are sending a parish delegation including Fr. John. The Dates are November 11th thru 17th. Rough cost is \$1300 per Person. We have 4-6 spaces available.

Please contact Deacon Steve at 965-1646 or stevew@ stjosephparish.org if you are interested.

Blood Drive Thank You!

There were 33 people who registered to donate blood! Of those, we were able to collect 30 units of volunteered blood. Since each donation can save up to three lives, your hard work will help save the lives of up to 90 patients in our community. There were also 2 first time donors! Within days, the blood donated by your donors was in a local hospital helping patients in need. A few days following your drive, a 53 year old male at UW received a heart transplant. He received 20 units of red cells, 38 units of plasma, and 10 units of platelets. Lifesaving and life-sustaining treatments like this wouldn't be possible without your support and the support of your donors. Thank you for making a difference in our community

Since you can donate blood every 56 days, those who gave will be eligible to donate at your next drive on Monday, October 20th.

Recycled Glasses & Cell Phones

If you have unbroken, out-of-date prescription glasses/ sun glasses or non-prescription sun glasses, consider leaving them at the Parish Center for children and adults in developing countries. For them it will be a wonderful gift to be able to see clearly.

Secure the Call Foundation will take old and unneeded cell phones (no chargers or accessories) and reprogram them for free 911 emergency phones. These phones are given to domestic violence shelters and school crossing guards.

There will be boxes in reception labelled for glasses and cell phones.

In the Steps of Ignatius I: Ignatian Spirituality for Men 2014-2015

simply noticing: FACING CREATION

Saturday, October 4, 2014 | 10 am – 12:30 pm | Seward Park, Seattle (Shelter #1)

Glen Butterworth, S.J., presenter | Dick Ellis, facilitator

Join other men at Seward Park on the Feast of St. Francis! Gather at Shelter #1 for Fr. Glen's reflections on facing creation and its power to heal our lives and personal relationships. Then embark on a silent walk around the Loop, simply noticing. End the morning with a group reflection and a sack lunch.

Free will offering. Rain or shine! Dress for the weather. Bring a sack lunch and a friend. For more information, visit www.ignatiancenter.org and click on "Simply Noticing: Facing Creation". To RSVP, please contact Andrea Fontana at andrea@ignatiancenter.org or (206) 329-4824. Sponsored by the Ignatian Spirituality Center (www.ignatiancenter.org).

Ignatian Spirituality 101 An Introduction to Ignatian Prayer & Spirituality

Thursday, October 2, 2014 | 7:00-9:00 pm St. Joseph Parish Center, Seattle

Pope Francis, the first Jesuit Pope, is grounded in Ignatian spirituality, but many do not know fully what that means. What is Ignatian spirituality all about? How might I incorporate Ignatian prayer and spirituality into my life? If you would like to know more, this evening 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 being kept alive locally. If you are already familiar with Ignatian spirituality, we encourage you to think of others to invite!

No cost. Free will offering. For more information or to RSVP, email Andrea Fontana at andrea@ignatiancenter. org or call 206.329.4824.



Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam Concerts Presents:

OKTOBERFEST! LIEDERABEND: AN EVENING OF ART SONG FROM GERMANY AND BEYOND



MADELINE BERSAMINA
Soprano



ERIN CALATA Mezzo-soprano



JOHN STUNTEBECK

FRIDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER 2014 – 7:30 PM IN THE SOCIAL HALL

ADMISSION: \$20; YOUTH 18 AND UNDER ARE FREE.



ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH MEN'S WEEKEND RETREAT

"WHO ARE OUR SAINTS"





October 24-26, 2014

Friday evening through Sunday morning: Beautiful Camp Casey on Whidbey Island

RETREAT ANIMATORS: Rob Carroll, George Kunz, Stuart Rowe, Bill Herkes & Joe Anderton

Retreat begins Friday evening at 8:00 pm and ends 11 am on Sunday.

Cost: \$125.00 per person (includes two nights lodging & four meals - double occupancy)

Partial scholarships available.

Cost does not include transportation. We will help organize carpooling. Accommodations are simple and rustic! All rooms sleep two.

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Questions?	Call Steve at 965-1646 or ste	rvew@stjosephparish.org	
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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. We kick off the year with a Pancake Breakfast co-hosted with our parish school's Parent Association Board (PAB) on Sunday, October 5, 2014.

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

Faith Formation Needs You!

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!

High School Confirmation Team members, Sundays, beginning in October

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.

Jump Start

CFF PreK and CFF K classes on September 28 & October 5 from 9 am-10 am.

For our youngest CFF students, start class early and get to know your teachers and the class before the official start of Sunday School. Please make sure your child is registered prior to September 26th:

http://www.stjosephparish.org/

All other CFF Sunday School classes begin Sunday, October 12.

Sunday Childcare Lead Position

We are in need of a childcare leader to work with our youngest parishioners (ages 1 - 4) during the 9 am Mass. This is a paid position, candidate must pass background check, be 21 or over and be available for Safe Environment certification. Responsibilities include providing a safe and nurturing environment for the children, working with and scheduling youth volunteers, and opening and closing classrooms. Beginning soon and runs through the end of June. If interested, please contact Dottie Farewell at dfarewell@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1652.

Confirmation

Confirmation classes and mass will once again be offered this year at St. Joseph Parish. Confirmation Preparation Classes begin Sunday, October 19th in the Mother Theresa Room of the Parish Center (basement level). All class materials including books, food, and the retreat supplies will be provided. The fee for classes is \$125. The Confirmation preparation program includes class sessions along with a Saturday retreat on November 22nd, service learning experiences, and a Reconciliation service. A Confirmation Mass rehearsal and Confirmation Service.

mation Mass will be in *late January or mid-February.

To register please visit our website stjosephparish.org or call Dottie Farewell 206-965-1652 with any questions.

*Confirmation mass is not assigned until mid October by the Seattle Archdiocese.





Fall Family Mass & Pancake Breakfast

Hosted by our parish school's Parent Association Board and St. Joseph Parish

Sunday, October 5th after the 9 am Mass in the Social Hall.

All are invited for a delicious breakfast of pancakes, sausage, egg bake, and fruit. Coffee and juice provided.

Cost is \$5 per person; 4 and under are free. Pay in advance at www.stjosephparish.org or at the door.

To RSVP contact Erin Tobin at cff@stjosephparish.org To volunteer contact David Hein at davidh@okigolf.com