“Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?”

Fathers’ Day
Beginning to Heal

This is me, a sinner on whom the Lord has turned his gaze. And this is what I said when they asked me if I would accept my election as pontiff. I am a sinner, but I trust in the infinite mercy and patience of our Lord Jesus Christ, and I accept in a spirit of penance.

-Pope Francis-

A few years ago, when I began writing these columns, I used to think of myself as a somewhat lonely voice within the institutional Church, pressing to keep the door open for those who so often felt excluded or marginalized. When obedience to the status quo seemed the popular call, I was inspired by the women and men at St. Joseph to give voice to the Jesuit tradition of discernment. Suddenly, in a moment that continues to surprise, Francis was elected Pope, and since then, it has felt like a challenge just to keep up.

In the last few weeks, the Pope has called upon priests to baptize everyone who asks sincerely; to avoid boring homilies and speak to the heart; and to make the confessional a place of mercy not of judgment. He has agreed to meet with a civilly married gay activist in Paraguay, and has offered a denunciation of all war, while on a visit to Bosnia. He has sharply criticized the policies of first world nations towards migrants, and on Thursday, 18 June released an encyclical that places the teachings of the Church on the side of climate change activism. And, perhaps most surprisingly of all, he has begun a process whereby the truly scandalous dimension of the sex-abuse crisis in the Church may at last be addressed: appointing a tribunal to investigate those leaders in the Church who failed to act for the protection of children, or who acted in defiance of the law or justice.

In the appointment of this tribunal, Francis removes the beam that has, for so long, seemed to blind the hierarchical Church. Since 2002, when the revelations of the sexual abuse of minors first came to light in Boston, the shameful and vicious action of the perpetrators have often been presented as the principal sin, the heart of the scandal. Yet, the truth is that the violations of the perpetrators, while they have sickened the faithful, have not been the true scandal for the Church. The scandal has been the broad systemic failure of those charged with the care of the flock, i.e., with bishops, superiors, and institutional leaders which ignored or, in many cases, even assisted in the placement of pedophiles into positions of responsibility and trust. The lasting damage has come from those who covered up crimes or transferred offenders, who silenced victims and kept them from healing, who knew or should
have known the danger into which they put the People of God, but who placed public relations above the safety of the small ones whom Christ himself blessed and embraced. While those in the Catholic community may have been able to understand that abusers exist in every corner of our society, many faithful Catholics have been truly scandalized—turned away from their Church—by leadership that has seemed, so often, complicit in the sins that have been committed, or blind to the structural, and not merely individual, components of this crisis.

All too often, leaders in the Church have missed the social sin at the core of the crisis. When cases came forward, apologies were too often scripted, presented by media representatives and focused on the actions of the particular perpetrator, without ever acknowledging the deeper, structural sin of the Church. Enthralled by concerns of litigation, or by an ecclesial model in which the structure is divinely ordained, many leaders have avoided what the Sacrament of Reconciliation teaches: that it is not enough to point out that someone else has sinned, we must confess the sin we have committed, and then seek a true and sufficient penance. It has been rare that leaders in the Church have shown the penitential spirit needed for healing and reconciliation. On the contrary, more often they have closed ranks in self-protection, unwilling to receive criticism of their peers and immune (or protected) from the criticism of others.

By naming a tribunal of judgment to review the actions of bishops who concealed or ignored situations of abuse, and by placing that tribunal within the powerful office of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, Pope Francis gives flesh to his image of the Church as something unfinished, something wounded and in need of healing. He shows that even bishops may be sinners, in need of reform, and reveals that his own self-description as a sinner was not just a matter of words, but a motivator of his actions.

To those of us for whom this crisis has been long and painful, the actions of Francis offer hope; and for those of us entrusted with roles of leadership in the Church, his actions offer a challenge to grow in humility and courage. I know from experience that the work of healing the Church requires constant care and more wisdom than any one person can have. Indeed, even with experience, I know I have failed, including during my time at St. Joseph. I made significant mistakes in the time surrounding the funeral of the abuser and former priest, David Jaeger, when I did not control adequately the excesses of the event or recognize the affect of the funeral upon members of our community. In relinquishing my responsibilities to others, who were planning the funeral, I became complicit in masking the Church’s sins, and so implied (unwittingly) a lack of concern for the survivors of abuse. Called to account for this, I apologized to the community and have committed myself to not making the same mistakes again.

We are, like Pope Francis, all sinners, all prone to failure and self-deception—and to an inclination to hide that which makes us look bad. Yet, by his example of dialogue and discernment, of humility and mercy, of holding even the leadership of the Church up to scrutiny and review, Francis calls us to greater honesty and comforts us with the hope of the gospel. In his courageous confession, we hear anew the love of God, which comes to us, even in our sins, allowing us to repent and offering us mercy: as individuals, as communities, and even as a Church. Through that repentance and mercy, may the whole Church someday know healing.

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**WELCOME!**

Are you a Catholic attending Mass regularly at St. Joseph Parish, yet haven’t officially registered? Join us! Visit our website at www.stjosephparish.org and click on the “Join Our Parish” link to complete and submit your registration form.

While you’re registering you are also welcome to sign up for our weekly e-newsletter about happenings in our Parish by clicking on “Sign Up for Our eNewsletter” and sharing your email address. Should you have any question, whatsoever, please don’t hesitate to contact Jack at jackh@stjosephparish.org, or 206-965-1653

Are you interested in finding out more about St. Joseph Parish and the Catholic Church? Whether you are baptized in another denomination, have never been baptized and are exploring Christianity for the first time, or are a former Catholic pondering a return to the Church, we are happy to talk with you, answer questions, and explore the many possibilities. Find out more—with no strings attached—by calling Fr. Glen at 206-965-1643, or email gbutterworth@stjosephparish.org
ORDER OF CELEBRATION
TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Prelude

Many and Great #498
St. Francis/Haugen

Dakota

Entrance Song

Canticle of the Sun #496

The heavens are telling the glory of God, and all creation is shouting for joy. Come, dance in the forest, come, play in the field, and sing, sing to the glory of the Lord.

Verses

1. Praise for the sun, the bringer of day, He carries the light of the Lord in his rays; The moon and the stars who made to let your life show; The flowers and trees that light up the way Un to your throne.

2. Praise for the wind that blows through the trees, The seas mighty storms, the gentlest breeze; They blow where they will, they help us to know The heart of love.

5. Praise for the earth who makes life to grow, The creatures you made to let your life show; The flowers and trees that light up the way Un to your throne.

D.C.

Gloria

Cantor: Glory to God in the highest,

ALL: and on earth peace to peoples of good will.
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you,
we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Són of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.
First Reading

The Lord addressed Job out of the storm and said:
Who shut within doors the sea,
when it burst forth from the womb;
when I made the clouds its garment
and thick darkness its swaddling bands?
When I set limits for it
and fastened the bar of its door,
and said: Thus far shall you come but no farther,
and here shall your proud waves be stilled!

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 107

Some went down to the sea in ships,
to trade on the mighty waters.
These have seen the deeds of the LORD,
the wonders he does in the deep.
—For he spoke and raised up the storm-wind,
tossing high the waves of the sea
that surged to heaven and dropped to the depths.
Their souls melted away in their distress.
—Then they cried to the LORD in their need,
and he rescued them from their distress.
He stilled the storm to a whisper,
and the waves of the sea were hushed.
—They rejoiced because of the calm,
and he led them to the haven they desired.
Let them thank the LORD for his mercy,
his wonders for the children of men.

Second Reading

Brothers and sisters: The love of Christ impels us, once we have come to the conviction that one died for all; therefore, all have died. He indeed died for all, so that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

Consequently, from now on we regard no one according to the flesh; even if we once knew Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know him so no longer. So whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come.

Gospel Acclamation

Chant Alleluia

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

Gospel

On that day, as evening drew on, Jesus said to his disciples: “Let us cross to the other side.” Leaving the crowd, they took Jesus with them in the boat just as he was. And other boats were with him. A violent squall came up and waves were breaking over the boat, so that it was already filling up. Jesus was in the stern, asleep on a cushion. They woke him and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Quiet! Be still!” The wind ceased and there was great calm. Then he asked them, “Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?” They were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this whom even wind and sea obey?”

Mark 4:35-41
God of the sparrow, God of the whale, God of the swirling stars.
How does the creature say “Awe?” How does the creature say “Praise?”
God of the earthquake, God of the storm, God of the trumpet blast.
How does the creature cry “Woe?” How does the creature cry “Save?”
God of the rainbow, God of the cross, God of the empty grave.
How does the creature say “Grace?” How does the creature say “Thanks?”
God of the hungry, God of the sick, God of the prodigal.
How does the creature say “Care?” How does the creature say “Life?”
God of the neighbour, God of the foe, God of the pruning hook.
How does the creature say “Love?” How does the creature say “Peace?”
God of the ages, God near at hand, God of the loving heart.
How do your children say “Joy?” How do your children say “Home?”

Priest: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

Assembly: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

Priest: The Lord be with you.

Assembly: And with your spirit.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

Assembly: We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Assembly: It is right and just.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Chant

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord God of hosts. Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry.

Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho-san-na in the high-est.
Mystery of Faith

Chant

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

Great Amen

Chant

A - men.

Lamb of God

Chant

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God,...

Assembly: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

All Are Invited To Come Forward

During communion, we invite all to come forward. If you do not ordinarily receive Eucharist, or choose not to, come for a blessing, indicating your desire by putting your hand on your heart.

If you have a gluten allergy, & need of a gluten free host, please come to the Presider & indicate this.
Draw near, draw near! Take the Body of your Lord.

Draw near, draw near! Drink the Blood for you out-poured.

Yahweh, I know you are near, standing always at my side. You guard me from the foe, and you lead me in ways ever-lasting.

Verses

1. Lord, you have searched my heart, and you know when I sit and when I stand. Your hand is upon me, protecting me from death,

2. Where can I run from your love? If I formed me before I was born, in the secret of darkness before I saw the sun, if I could count them, they number as the stars,

3. You know my heart and its ways, you who found are your thoughts, my Lord. Even still I'd find you there, in my mother's womb.

4. Marvelous to me are your works; how profound are your thoughts, my Lord. Even still I'd find you there, in my mother's womb.
Song of Praise

How Great Thou Art

1. O Lord my God, when I in awesome
   wonder
   trees, When I look down
   made, I see the stars,
   hear the rolling
   Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed!
   Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
   How great thou art,
   how great thou art!

2. When through the woods and forest glades I
   wander
   And hear the birds sing sweetly in the
   And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze,
   And there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!"
   Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
   How great thou art,
   how great thou art!

3. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
   and motion
   And take me home, what joy shall fill my
   And there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!"
   Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
   How great thou art,
   how great thou art!

Recessional

Instrumental (5)

How Can I Keep From Singing #603 (9:30)

No storm can shake my in-most calm, While to that rock I'm clinging. Since

love is Lord of heaven and earth, How can I keep from sing-ing?
ORDER OF CELEBRATION 5:30 PM CONTEMPLATIVE LITURGY

All are invited to join in quiet prayer with prelude, Many and Great, from 5-5:30 pm.

1. Many and great, O God, are your works, Maker of earth and sky;
   Your hands have set the heavens with stars; Your fingers spread the mountains and plains.
   You merely spoke and waters were formed; Deep seas obey your voice.

2. Grant us communion with you, our God, Though you transcend the stars.
   Come close to us and stay by our side: With you are found the true gifts that last.
   Bless us with life which never shall end, Eternal life with you.

Entrance Song

Confitemini Domino

Taize

For readings, psalm response and Gospel acclamation, see preceding pages.

Offerterory Song

God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale (page 5)

For Eucharistic acclamations, see preceding pages.

Communion Song

You Are Near #604 (page 7)

Recessional

Instrumental

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOSEPH

Sunday
9:30 AM  Mass
10:30 AM  Coffee & Donuts - Join Us!
5:30 PM  Mass

Monday
7:00 AM  Mass
7:00 PM  Sacred Silence Prayer
7:00 PM  Rosary Prayer Group

Tuesday
7:00 AM  Mass

Wednesday
7:00 AM  Mass
7:00 AM  Yoga - Body In Prayer

Thursday
7:00 AM  Mass

Friday
7:00 AM  Mass
7:00 AM  Men’s Prayer Group

Saturday
8:00 AM  Centering Prayer
3:30 PM  Weekly Reconciliation
5:00 PM  Vigil Mass

We Are St. Joseph Events
Save The Dates!
Parish Picnic - September 20th
Epiphany Dinner - January 10th
LiturgY and Worship

Welcome The Newly Baptized

Harriet Abstoss
Ian Anderson
Natalie Chun
Charlotte Jones
Berkeley Peterson
Mason Skinner
Leo Collins
Charles Douville
Lily Hall
Colette McLean
Stella McLean
Kadence Price
Spencer Ginter-Harrast
Simon Kocarnik
Isla Perez
Eva Trister

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 sacredsilence@stjosephparish.org or 206-286-0313.

The Rosary At St. Joseph

St. Joseph parishioners have been praying the Rosary since the church was built. The grace of the prayer to the Holy Mother has lit the journey to Jesus through painful addictions in families, the loss of loved ones and when everything seems darkest. Many Catholics have historically viewed Mary as the person who will defeat evil on earth.

Praying the Rosary can help us face the often harsh realities of life with hope and grace. Many who’ve prayed the Rosary have experienced a sense of peacefulness during challenging times. Pray the Rosary at St. Joseph for the first time or the thousandth. People will help guide those who are just learning. Bring your own Rosary beads, count on your fingers or use a smartphone app such as iRosary.

Everyone is welcome to pray the Rosary, Mondays from 7 to 8 pm
in the Parish Center
Loyola Chapel

Prayer Tree

St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions:
Our prayers are for the parishioners of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, South Carolina who are experiencing deep sorrow and loss . . .
For the broken hearted and those who are feeling alienated . . . For a friend in the first trimester of her pregnancy . . . For those who are making decisions about their future . . . For the Irish students who are recovering from their injuries when a balcony collapsed . . . To our fathers who have made a difference in our lives.

“As a father has compassion on his children, So the Lord has compassion on those Who fear him.”
~ 2 Corinthians 5:7

Rest in Peace

Maura Whalen’s father who passed away recently.
Peace be with you and the family.

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
Seniors On The Go

Wednesday, June 24th - Trip to LaConner and Swinomish Reservation. Leaving the Parish Center at 10am then visiting the town of LaConner and the Swinomish Reservation. No cost except everyone buying their own lunch. Please call Renee to reserve your spot, 206-324-2522 ext 100!

Friday, July 3rd - Healing Mass at 11:30 am. Please note there will not be a luncheon following Mass

Saturday July 25th – Scottish Highland Games – King County Fairgrounds/Enumclaw

Friday, August 14th - Snoqualmie Railroad Days

LGBT Ministry

The LGBT Ministry would like to wish all LGBT parishioners and allies a happy Pride Month. We will be extending the celebration through the summer by having an end of summer LGBT Ministry BBQ on August 23rd. Please save the date and join us for a fun evening of meeting new people and forming community. Watch the bulletin for more details the beginning of August.

Over the last 3 years we have greatly appreciated the support of Fr. John and the whole parish as the LGBT Ministry has marched in the Pride Parade. However after much discernment we as a ministry made the decision to not participate in the parade this year. We will continue reflecting on how participation in the pride parade fits into the mission of the LGBT Ministry. If after further thought we desire to continue marching, we will resume participation next year.

Sounders Tickets

Join us as we head back to “The Clink” to cheer on the Sounders as they take on Portland! Get your tickets at www.stjosephparish.org

This year we will have the chance to gather after the 9:30 mass (we will still be on our summer schedule) in the parking lot for our own version of a “tailgate”. Rancho Bravo Tacos will be here with their taco truck to get us started!

This event has sold out each year so get your tickets early!

The cost is $36 which includes a ticket to the game, a Sounders T-shirt and Taco Truck lunch!

Women’s Ministry


SAVE THE DATE & INVITE A FRIEND! All women are welcome.

Eileen Flanagan, a spiritual writer, speaker, and activist, will be our facilitator. A former Peace Corps Volunteer, a graduate of Duke and Yale, a wife, and a mother, Eileen’s new book “Renewable: One Woman’s Search for Simplicity, Faithfulness, and Hope” is the story of a woman who, while trying to change the world, unexpectedly finds the courage to change her life. Won’t you take a break, meet Eileen, and reconnect with the women of St. Joseph’s on this weekend away?

To reserve your spot, contact Deacon Steve at stevew@stjosephparish.org

To ask a question, contact Sheila Marie Sifferman at smarie49@comast.net

Book Reading

In honor of St. Joseph parishioner, Lester R. Sauvage, MD, we will carry on with a book reading on Saturday June 27th from 4:15-4:45 pm in the Parish Center for his last book, Opening Hearts: A Cardiovascular Surgeon Reflects on Faith, Healing, Love & the Meaning of Life. Dr. Sauvage will be present in spirit and Barbara Mulvey Little, his editor and co-author, will read selections from the work which was published just two weeks before Dr. Sauvage’s death.

The book is a distillation of Dr. Sauvage’s ideas about how faith in God and loving service to each other create a life of purpose and meaning. In the book, Dr. Sauvage shares his wisdom about how spiritual awareness and life choices relate to healing, health, and happiness and he reveals his path to living in a more conscious, loving, and heart centered way. Books will be available at the reading or can be purchased in advance on Amazon.com.
Let’s Create Art!

**Sketching in Watercolor and Ink**

An art program by

**Seniors Creating Art**

Sponsored by The Norcliffe Foundation

**Class Description:**
Create beautiful sketches with ink and watercolor washes! With quick, easy techniques and simple materials, using an intuitive approach, we will create a “watercolor journal” as we learn to capture the essence of flowers, plants and everyday objects. We will begin with fun warm up exercises in pen and gradually layer in watercolor to make drawings pop!

**Class Location**
St. Joseph’s Church
732 18th Avenue east,
Seattle, WA 98112

**Class Days and Times**
**Wednesdays**
July 8, 15, 22, 29
August 5, 12, 19, 26
Time - 1-3pm

To Register contact: (206) 965-1646
class size limited to 15 participants

The mission of Seniors Creating Art is

to inspire hope and purpose for seniors by providing access to create art.

Please visit our website, [www.seniorscreatingart.org](http://www.seniorscreatingart.org) for more information or to make a donation!
SEEL

“Ignatius asks us to open our spiritual sensitivity to encounter God beyond a purely empirical approach.” - Pope Francis

Do you desire to draw nearer to a God who desires to draw nearer to you?

The Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life (SEEL) is a nine month retreat format of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola with a retreat community meeting here at St. Joseph. The SEEL retreat goes from September through May and is a powerful, life-changing program of prayer and reflection that can be done by busy people in the midst of their daily lives. Retreatants commit themselves to praying daily, meeting twice monthly with a Spiritual Director, and to attending monthly Saturday retreat days. SEEL is accepting applications now for the retreat starting in September of 2015. Learn more at our website at www.seelpugetsound.org or call 206-721-3518.

There will be a brief information session to give more details and answer questions about this transformative retreat on Sunday, July 19th after the 9:30 am Mass in the Parish Center. If you would like to join us or have questions an RSVP is encouraged by emailing/calling Deacon Steve at stevew@stjosephparish.org or Lisa Dennison (SEEL Executive Director) at 206-721-3518.

Ignatian Spirituality Center

Summer Ignatian Retreat 2015
“A Pilgrimage of the Heart”

2:00 pm Friday, July 24 – 2:00 pm Sunday, July 26, 2015
Archbishop Brunett Retreat Center at the Palisades, Federal Way.


For more information, visit http://www.ignatiancenter.org/programs/ignatian-retreat/

Magis Alumni Living the Mission

Exploring an Ignatian Approach to Leadership
Friday, July 31, 2015  
8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Seattle University (Campion Ballroom)

Explore the concept of Ignatian Leadership and how to apply and integrate Jesuit values and Ignatian practices into your personal and professional life.

Join leaders from various professional walks of life for this one-day conference to dialogue and learn tools to become a more effective, authentic Ignatian leader. There will be opportunities to learn about the role of self-awareness and personal discernment in leadership, healthy group decision-making and communal discernment, how to work for social justice and the Common Good as leaders, as well as a chance to discuss the role of love in leading. We also look forward to welcoming our keynote speaker, Fr. Scott Santarosa, S.J., Provincial of the Oregon Province of the Society of Jesus. Please join us!

Early Bird Rates before June 26th: General Admission - $100 & Young Adult Rate - $50. Partial scholarships are also available. Please email us at magis-rsvp@seattleu.edu with your questions. All are welcome! To register go to https://www.regonline.com/ignatianleadership-conference

Father William J. Sullivan, S.J.

“The Maker of the Modern Seattle University.” The university and community mourn the passing of William J. Sullivan, S.J., who was the university’s longest running president from 1976 to 1996 and was instrumental in shaping the future of the Jesuit Catholic university.

Father Sullivan died June 16, 2015, at the Jesuit care center near Milwaukee, WI. He was 84.

Father Sullivan’s reach in the community and impact on Seattle University were remarkable. A memorial for him will be held on Friday, June 26 at St. James Cathedral at 10:00 am.
Children’s Faith Formation 2015-2016

The CFF program continues to flourish with the participation of so many children and youth in grades Pre-K thru Junior High. This definitely is a program that takes many hands and hearts to provide strong and consistent faith formation for our youngest parishioners. WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Looking to next year, we will have the following openings:  CFF K (kindergarten), CFF 1 (first year of the two year Sacramental Preparation for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist), CFF 3/4 (grade 3 & 4) co-teacher, CFF 5/6 (grade 5 & 6), and CFF Jr. High (scripture studies course). All materials, trainings and support are provided. If you are not yet able to jump in, but have teaching experience and would like to be a substitute, please let me know. For any and all inquiries you may reach Dottie Farewell at dfarewell@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1652.

Course Offerings

Children's Faith Formation Childcare During the 9am Mass for children 1-3 years old. This is a time for your child to begin to experience church through play. Children are supervised by a paid adult and volunteer youth. The annual fee is $50 and scholarships are available.

Children's Faith Formation Pre-Kindergarten (CFF Pre-K) During the 9am Mass for children *3 1/2-5 years old. This is a hands-on, Montessori-style class for our young ones. The annual fee is $30 and scholarships are available.

Children's Faith Formation K (CFF K) During the 9am Mass for children currently enrolled in Kindergarten beginning fall 2015. Classes consist of scripture stores, arts & crafts, songs, and either outside or gym playtime. The annual fee is $30 and scholarships are available.

Children's Faith Formation 1 (CFF 1) ALL children planning to receive these Reconciliation and Eucharist during the 2016/2017 (next year) school year must register for CFF1. The CFFI annual fee is $60. Financial assistance is available.

Children's Faith Formation 2 (CFF 2) ALL children planning to receive First Reconciliation and First Eucharist during this 2015/2016 (this year) school year must have completed the CFF1 class last year. There is a $100 annual fee for CFF2.

Questions? Please contact Dottie Farewell at dfarewell@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1652.

Children's Faith Formation Year 3 & 4 (CFF 3/4) This class is for children just completing their Sacramental Preparation for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. We will continue to use arts, scripture studies, and community building activities to strengthen our knowledge and faith in the Church. The annual fee is $30 and scholarships are available.

Children's Faith Formation Year 5 & 6 (CFF 5/6) This class is for youth in 5th, & 6th grades. This is a religious education class that will focus on learning and practicing their faith. The annual fee is $30 and scholarships are available.

Children's Faith Formation Year Junior High This class is for youth in 7th, 8th, & 9th grades. The annual fee is $30 for each of the classes PLUS $25 for materials (Bible & workbook). Scholarships are available.

High School Confirmation The Confirmation preparation program includes class sessions along with a Saturday retreat, service learning experiences, and a Reconciliation service. A Confirmation Mass rehearsal and Confirmation Mass will be in late January or early-February. The annual fee is $135 and scholarships are available.

Agape Donations

To help our middle school youth in their Agape summer service mission, please consider making a donation so that we can purchase school supplies for children in migrant farm communities. For only $15 we can fully supply a backpack and all the needed school supplies for one migrant child.

Checks should be made out to St. Joseph Parish, MEMO: Agape Donation
Annual Catholic Appeal: A Gift that Keeps Giving

THANK YOU to those who have contributed to the 2015 Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA). The ACA gives St. Joseph Parish an opportunity to support the work of the wider church in Western Washington—the education of seminarians, support of retired priests and women religious, the work of Catholic Community Services, multicultural ministries, and so much more.

Through this one gift, each of us and all of us embrace those whom the rest of the world so often overlooks. This year, the St. Joseph Parish assessment for the ACA is $143,986. A significant amount, reflective of the generosity already shown in this Parish. While it is important to note that if we do not raise this amount through the ACA campaign we must make up the difference through our ordinary income, our hope is that this community will show itself ready to help both the local and the larger Church. Our witness, so important to Catholics throughout this region, relies upon each person's willingness to act as part of this community.

P.S. We are aware that some would prefer not to give directly to the Archdiocese. Please know that you may also support the ACA with a gift to St. Joseph Parish, noting that it is given in lieu of your gift to the ACA. We will then send a single check, with these gifts, to the Archdiocese, noting any reasons you may wish us to pass along. Our strong desire is that you give for the good work to be done, but that you also feel comfortable in that gift.

Annual Catholic Appeal - WEEK 7

St. Joseph Parish ACA Assessment..............................................$143,986
Raised to Date.............................................................................$130,949
Percent of Goal Reached......................................................91%
Percent Participation (305 households).................................23%

If you haven’t brought your envelope from home, envelopes are available in the pews in front of you. Please fill one out and drop it in the offering basket TODAY. Your gift (however large or small!) will make a real difference in the lives of those touched by the wider church in Western Washington. Thank you for your generosity!
Volunteer Chore Services

Do you want to make a difference in the life of a low income Senior or an Adult living with a disability?

Volunteer Chore Services of Catholic Community Services needs you!! Become a long-term one–on-one volunteer, organize a group to clean up a yard or adopt a low-income Senior Housing facility! Opportunities in your neighborhood are available!

Contact Katrina Hale at katrinah@ccswv.org or 206.328.6858 to change the life of someone in need near you.

Blood Drive - Thank You’s!

TWENTY-SIX of you came to the drive -- that’s fantastic! One of you donated with us for the very first time. Welcome! Because each pint of blood is divided into 3 usable components (red cells, platelets & plasma) as many as 78 patients in our community will receive blood that was donated at your drive. Wow!

Your dedication, kindness, and generosity are bringing LIFE, HOPE, and HEALING to those who rely on the kindness of strangers to supply the blood they need to live. Thank you for making blood donation a priority!

Save the date for your next drive at St Joseph’s: Monday, August 17.

In Need Of Marrow Donors

WILL YOU PARTICIPATE IN 6/28 ST. THERESE DRIVE?

Matt Dobie, a 30-year old St. Joseph School graduate now living in Orange County, is in need of your help. In 2010 he was diagnosed with diffuse scleroderma and has been on chemotherapy much of the last four years. This has not stabilized his disease and he now needs a bone marrow transplant. His mother, Sharon, a St. Therese parishioner and member of the gospel choir, wrote asking if parishioners at St. Joseph would be willing to participate in a blood drive with the hope that a bone marrow match will be found to help Matt or others seeking a match.

St. Therese will host a Bone Marrow Registry Drive on Sun, June 28 after the 8:30, 12 noon, and 5 pm Masses, to sign up individuals willing to be stem cell or bone marrow donors if they are found to be a match for someone searching. Individuals 18-44 can register at the drive; all it takes is a brief health history and a cheek swab. Individuals 45-60 can register on line. (The registry matches to younger donors if possible and still many 45-60 get called!)

You can learn more at: http://bethematch.org/Support-the-Cause/Donate-bone-marrow/Possible-match about what might happen if you were called as a potential match. Please contact Sharon if you would like to help with the registry drive: dobie111@earthlink.net.

Thank you for considering to help Matt and others in need!

St. Francis House

Specific Items Needed

St. Joseph parishioners have generously donated food to St. Francis house for a very long time. All donations of non-perishable food are greatly appreciated, however there is a particular need for canned chili, baked beans, canned meat such as chicken or spam, and tuna fish. Peanut butter and jams/jellies are also favorites! Thank you for your continued support!
Laudato Si

On Thursday Pope Francis released his long-awaited Encyclical on the environment, “Laudato Si: On Care for Our Common Home,” in which he calls climate change, and disregard for the earth, an environmental crisis that is more than a matter of science, politics, and economics but a spiritual and moral concern for all of humanity.

In this historic document he calls on all people--scientists, economists, politicians, community and civic leaders, citizens—to look beyond short term gain and work together to find sustainable solutions that preserve our air quality, oceans, farmlands, and forests and take into account how environmental degradation falls hardest on the poor and the young. He points to St. Francis of Assisi from whom he took his papal name and inspiration as the ultimate steward of God’s creation.

Visit our parish website to read the entire Encyclical and learn more: www.stjosephparish.org/2500/laudato-si.html

On Dominion

“We are not God. The earth was here before us and it has been given to us. This allows us to respond to the charge that Judaeo-Christian thinking, on the basis of the Genesis account which grants man ‘dominion’ over the earth (cf. Gen 1:28), has encouraged the unbridled exploitation of nature by painting him as domineering and destructive by nature. This is not a correct interpretation of the Bible as understood by the Church.

Although it is true that we Christians have at times incorrectly interpreted the Scriptures, nowadays we must forcefully reject the notion that our being created in God’s image and given dominion over the earth justifies absolute domination over other creatures. The biblical texts are to be read in their context, with an appropriate hermeneutic, recognizing that they tell us to ‘till and keep’ the garden of the world (cf. Gen 2:15).

‘Tilling’ refers to cultivating, ploughing or working, while ‘keeping’ means caring, protecting, overseeing and preserving. This implies a relationship of mutual responsibility between human beings and nature.”

~Pope Francis, from Laudato Si

What Steps Are We Taking to Steward Our Environment?

On our home front St. Joseph Parish and School have already made headway in contributing toward greater caretaking of our environment and natural resources. Both school and parish have successful recycling and composting programs, and in past years students have reviewed the school’s efforts to increase their efficacy. Light bulbs in the church have been replaced with LED lights.

The school has installed solar panels and the church hopes to follow. The school has installed energy efficient windows throughout the building. Water saving plumbing fixtures have been replaced throughout all buildings. Church and parish center heating systems have been replaced with high efficiency boilers. All buildings are only heated/cooled when occupied to save power.

Recycled products are a priority when ordering janitorial supplies while compostable products are used throughout. And printing all materials on recycled paper is in the works.

Assisi from Father John’s photos.
A Prayer for Our Fathers

O Gracious God, hear the prayer we raise
for those who follow the call of our Father Abraham:
those who share in the giving of life,
the mission of love and generation.
May they be gentle in their speech,
and hopeful in the work of their hands.
May they teach their daughters and sons
the power of dreams and the grace of fidelity.
May they labor and be rewarded,
set the feast and share in it.
May they unbind the children given to their care,
and raise them from the pyre of violence.
May they be Fathers of the heart, and not just the body,
of the spirit, and not just the flesh.
May they be as you are, Father God,
bringers of grace and lovers of all that is.