Faith Formation

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The Faith Formation Commission assists the various formative ministries of St. Joseph and seeks innovative ways of engaging both the youth and adults of our parish community.

The many ministries of formation overseen by this commission are Baptism - being the prime sacrament of initiation into the community, Children's Faith Formation, Confirmation, our parish Youth Ministry groups, and our programs of ongoing formation for adults. Charged by our mission of growing in awareness and developing our intellects and our capacity for dialogue and engagement, the ministries of Faith Formation are always in need of fresh perspectives and so you are invited and encouraged to seek out how best to participate in this crucial area of our community life.

Learn more about the Faith Formation Commission:

stjosephparish.org

Guests at the Table of Grace

My mother was a firm believer in table manners. From an early age, we were taught how to hold a fork and knife, how to cut our meat, how to butter our roll, etc. Inherited from her own mother, this determination that we know everything from how to use a napkin to
which bread plate belongs to your place setting (it’s the one on the left, by the way) came from a profound desire in my mother for us to fit into a community. She wanted us to feel comfortable with others, to feel at ease in even the loftiest social circumstances.

It is, perhaps, surprising how often in my years as a priest I have thought of those etiquette lessons, given me by my mother. For her, and later for me, manners could assist people to feel included, could symbolize a connection to others, even when that connection was not fully understood. I have no doubt that such an approach has affected my attitude towards liturgy. My perhaps overly passionate desire to set things in a particular way on the altar or to ensure that the parts of the Mass are as graceful as I can make them derive, no doubt, from the training I received at my mother’s table. Yet, for all the dedication to detail involved in the practice of etiquette, two things were of greatest importance to my mother, and remain most important to me at liturgy: always appreciate your host, and always remember that the people with you at the table are more important than their manners.

This last week, as the Synod on the Family issued its preliminary report—the “Relatio post discepectionem” (http://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2014/10/13/0751/03037.html)—I thought about what my mother taught, and about the importance she placed on appreciating one’s host and the guests with whom one shares a table. I was moved by the humility and the openness reflected in the Relatio, with its encouragement of respect and love for all God’s people, and its sense that we must “remove our sandals before the sacred ground of the other.” Though preliminary, the document seemed to move the Church away—a least a bit—from the restrictions that have kept people from the table of Christ. In doing so, it seems to me that the Synod Fathers understood appropriately our role at the Eucharistic table, as well as the nature of the One whose grace calls us there.

In the feast of the Eucharist, it is Christ Jesus who is our host. It is Christ who calls us to the table and who sets the meal before us; Christ who prepares the food we are to eat and the cup we are to drink; Christ who offers the blessing with his own life, and so becomes the food and drink that we consume, through the power of his Spirit. Everyone else—priest or bishop, woman or man, saint or sinner—is a guest in this action, brought to the table at the invitation of the Lord. Even those whom Jesus asks to speak or act for him—*in persona Christi*—must not be confused with the One who is the source and substance of the celebration. Rather, they should be humbled by the role they are given, and deeply aware that they are only the servants of a feast which is not theirs to control.

Those who preside at the table of the Lord are not magicians, acting with their own power, but are ministers of a grace that God, in Christ Jesus, distributes through the work of their hands. It is always God who is the agent of this grace—inviting the guests, ordaining the feast, becoming the food and drink—in a continual act of incarnate love.

We are not meant to be the bouncers at the supper of the Lord. We are not called to be the guard-dogs of grace. We are not empowered to usurp the authority of God’s own call by excluding those whose invitation has been written in the blood of God’s Son—even if we find their manners different from ours or wounds that they bear offensive. Rather, we—sinners one and all—are called to be gracious and beloved guests: giving thanks for the One who has called us, and welcoming those who are likewise called to our table.

The Eucharist does not belong to the bishops or to the pope, to the priests or even to the laity: it belongs to Christ and to the body he inhabits in this world, i.e., the Church. The role of those who administer this Sacrament—or any of the Sacraments—is to help those who receive it to be “fully conscious and active” guests, guests who understand the grace received and receive it well. But too often we, who know the traditional etiquette of the eucharistic liturgy—the symbols and the signs, the words and music—forget that Eucharist runs deeper than our etiquette, and that it lives beyond our control, in the surprising mystery of Christ’s great love. At that moment, we risk setting ourselves in place of Christ, assuming the role of host when we are really only guests. Such a presumption is not just ill-mannered; it is sinful.

Pope Francis notes, “*the mission and the very identity of the Church flows from the Eucharist — and from there always takes its shape,*” the question of welcome at the table of the Eucharist is central to our understanding of Christ and the Church. Let us pray that, as the bishops continue to debate this welcome, they will listen to the voice of Christ with deep and discerning love. Let us pray they recall those with whom Jesus first shared his body and blood—including Judas, the betrayer; Peter, the denier; and the many others who simply ran away. Let us pray that they, and we, will recall our most important lesson, and be appreciative for the One who hosts us and grateful for the many and diverse others with whom we have been invited to the table.
Stewardship FAQ - Glass Pockets

At St. Joseph Parish, we do our best to have “glass pockets” since we know the money with which we tend to the mission of St. Joseph Parish belongs to the people of St. Joseph. In the spirit of fiscal transparency, we attempt to answer some frequently asked questions about our finances.

What is the annual budget of St. Joseph Church?

Excluding the School, which operates a separate financial structure, St. Joseph Parish had annual expenses in fiscal year 2014 of $1,949,079, resulting in a $101,271 deficit. Please know that this deficit does not indicate inordinate spending. As we embarked on the 2013-2014 fiscal year we accepted that an investment in our infrastructure was needed. Furthermore, for only the second year, we are now reflecting depreciation on capital assets ($146,969 this year). This is a normal and important expense in most accounting but has rarely been done in traditional parish bookkeeping. One thing you won’t see in our financial statement is a loan from the Archdiocese. Although our initial plans were to borrow in order to reduce debt from our Centennial Campaign shortfall, because of careful management, we have not had to do so and in fact have been actively reducing that debt.

The vast majority of last year’s revenue ($1,462,377) was generously given by parishioners during our annual stewardship campaign and weekly collections. The small remaining amount was generated from things like facility rental, program fees, etc., most of which are set and cannot grow significantly.

How does St. Joseph Parish spend the money raised during the annual Stewardship Campaign?

Gifts raised during our annual Stewardship Campaign fund the ministries, programs, and day-to-day operations of the Parish. The largest expenses for the Parish are related to the ministers and facilities that directly serve St. Joseph parishioners:

**Administration:**  Stewardship supports the salaries and benefits for our staff and employees, including the Pastor, Parochial Vicar, Deacon, and Pastoral Assistants, the Director of Religious Education and her assistants (e.g. in young adult ministry and CFF), Music Ministers, Maintenance, Facilities, Bookkeeping, etc. The budgetary percentage that goes to this area remains below the national average—for all we do, we run a relatively lean machine. Also within this area are communication expenses for a new server, new parish membership database, website design, printing of weekly Mass guides and bulletins, as well as maintaining webpages and other communication costs.

**Building & Grounds:** Keeping the lights on and the heat pumping in the Church, Parish Center, Social Hall, Old Gym, etc.; maintenance.

**School Support:** Following the guidelines set out by the Archdiocese on appropriate support for schools, St. Joseph Parish gives over $200,000 each year to St. Joseph School, which provides scholarship help for members of the Parish.

**Programs:** Sustaining (beyond fees) Children’s Faith Formation, Adult Faith Formation, weekly and daily liturgies, funerals, weddings, speakers, retreat opportunities, marriage enrichment, spiritual direction and counseling, coordination with outreach partners, the parish picnic, etc. (Hopefully, you know at least some of the great things our staff does!)

**Archdiocesan Assessments:** In addition to our Annual Catholic Appeal assessments, St. Joseph pays insurance through the Archdiocese, as well as an Archdiocesan operations tax (approximately 5.75% of Stewardship income). This is the only money that goes to the Archdiocese from Stewardship gifts.

Should you have any questions about the finances of our parish, please don’t hesitate to contact Rebecca Frisino, Pastoral Assistant for Administration at 206.965.1648 or rebeccaf@stjosephparish.org

Online Giving

Making your Stewardship gift online?

Online Giving looks a bit different with our new website. After you set up your account the first time, you will find a much more user-friendly and interactive system. You can make one-time gifts—or set up recurring gifts and receive reminders before gifts are processed. A new feature is that you can also direct funds from either your credit card or a bank account. Don’t hesitate to contact Tina if you’d like her assistance with entering your first gift in the new system. She can be reached at 206.965.1654 or stewardship@stjosephparish.org

Many thanks!
Why We Give to St. Joseph

There are as many reasons to give to St. Joseph as there are people who give. We invite you to read the following testimonials & reflect on how God & grace move you to share with this community.

Lando & Sara Alvarado - Serving the World & Our Neighbors!
As followers of Jesus Christ we believe in serving our community. We enjoy giving to St. Joseph because of the impact it has on so many. The fact that our Parish reaches out to those in need both locally and abroad—as with our sister parishes in Arcatao and Mombasa—is something our family is very proud to be a part of. It has been a blessing to be involved with such a giving community, and it’s contagious!

There are so many wonderful families and friendships we have developed here at St. Joseph church and school.

We have enjoyed staying involved with our community by volunteering our time at St. Joseph School, and through CYO sports. Also, our family has enjoyed participating and helping out when needed at several of the Parish functions.

Photo of the Alvarado family (left), & of their latest gift to St. Joseph Parish, their new baby, Sonia (above). . .

Bernadette Thomas - Praying twice!
I believe it was St. Augustine who said “When you sing, you pray twice.” Since childhood, the Church has always provided a second home for me, as well as a sense of community and belonging. As an adult, work has taken me abroad, and this immediate sense of connection to a faith family has brought tremendous comfort, even in other countries.

St. Joseph Parish has been my faith family and community for the past five years. Being a member of the wonderful St. Joseph choir has brought an even deeper sense of belonging, as well as a way to contribute to my parish family through sung prayer. I can’t explain the contribution better than St. Augustine, but I hope that his words are true!
## Prayerfully Giving

**Discerning a Level of Stewardship That Fits Your Call**

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<td>“When Jesus looked up, he noticed a poor widow putting in two small coins. He said, ‘I tell you truly, this poor widow has put in more than all the rest. She, from her poverty, has offered her whole livelihood.’” (Luke 21: 1-4)</td>
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<td>“Accompanying Jesus were the Twelve &amp; some women who had been cured, Mary called Magdalene, Joanna, Susanna, &amp; many others who provided for them out of their resources.” (Luke 8: 1-3)</td>
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<td>“Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, &amp; whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” (Luke 8: 1-3)</td>
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<td><strong>Faithful &amp; Prudent Stewards</strong></td>
<td>“Who, then, is the faithful &amp; prudent steward whom the master will put in charge to distribute the food allowance? Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, &amp; still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more.” (Luke 12: 42, 48)</td>
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<td><strong>Spiritual Companions</strong></td>
<td>“When he saw Peter &amp; John about to go into the temple, the beggar asked for alms. But Peter looked intently at him, as did John, &amp; said, ‘I have neither silver nor gold, but what I have I give you, in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean.’” (Acts 3: 3-6)</td>
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<td>If you are not able to give financially, know that your prayers—the gift that animates all others—are still needed. Please pledge to pray for St. Joseph.</td>
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Chief Seattle Club

“To provide a sacred space to nurture, affirm and renew the spirit of urban Native Peoples”

Five days a week, the Chief Seattle Club offers a place where urban American Indians and Alaska Natives—many of whom are homeless and low-income—can join to share a common meal, speak their own languages, and find peace, without fear of public censure or discrimination. In addition to providing food, showers, laundry facilities, and hygiene items, the Chief Seattle Club helps locate housing, provides job readiness training, and connects clients with social services. Chief Seattle Club is the only human service organization to connect homeless and low-income Native people to distant reservations, cultures, languages, and even to relatives living in this area. Many within our parish support the Chief Seattle Club. If you’d like more information about how you can become involved, please contact Deacon Steve at stevew@stjosephparish.org or 206.965.1646.

One way to serve is to volunteer in the clothing room. Mon - Fri 9 am to 2 pm any 2 hour shift during that time. Please call Tricia Trainer triciatrainer@gmail.com or 206-898-5039 if you are interested!

Called To Serve
On Society’s Margins

“Business leaders are called to engage the contemporary economic and financial world in light of the principles of human dignity and the common good.”
—Cardinal Peter Turkson

November 7, 2014, 6:00 pm,
Pigott Auditorium, Seattle University

As President of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, Cardinal Peter Turkson will explore how the noble vocation of business can contribute to a renewed Church sent by Christ on a mission to serve those at the margins of society.

Today Is World Mission Sunday

We are invited today to reach out and help build the Church in Mongolia, the world’s youngest Catholic Church, as well as local churches throughout the Missions, in the most remote areas across our world. World Mission Sunday donations are distributed to:

• Propagation of the Faith serving 1,150 of the poorest dioceses around the world – Asia, Africa, remote regions of Latin America, and the Pacific Islands.

• Catholic Near East Welfare Association providing pastoral and humanitarian support in the Middle East, India, and North Africa.

• Church in Latin America providing for pastoral projects that serve the poor.

• Church in Central and Eastern Europe rebuilding the Church’s outreach, social ministry and ministerial formation.

• Pastoral Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa provides for pastoral projects that serve the poor.

More information on the above organizations, as well as the Pope’s Mission Sunday message for 2014, can be found at the archdiocesan Missions Office website www.seattlearchdiocese.org/missions

Volunteers needed:
Collection Counters

Help promote the fiscal integrity of the parish and assure confidence within the parish community through our well-controlled collection process. Gifts given during weekend Masses need to be sorted, kept secure, and deposited. This volunteer task requires attention to detail and ability to respect the confidentiality of sensitive parishioner information. Each volunteer will be placed on a team that is rotated on a weekly basis. Join our wonderful group of collection counters! For information, contact Caprice Sauter at 206.965-1642. or caprices@stjosephparish.org
Winter Shelter Update

NEEDED – TWO PEOPLE THAT WILL WORK THE SHELTER ONE SATURDAY NIGHT A MONTH!

It is not easy to “pitch” why you should work the St. Joseph Winter Shelter.

1. The mats are not comfortable.
2. Your night to work will almost always end up being on a family birthday, the office party or right before a big project.
3. Many people consider the shelter to be just a “band aid” to the homeless problem.
4. And …if they don’t have us they would be in a door way or under the viaduct because there isn’t anywhere else to go!

But on the other hand...

1. It is only once a month.
2. The men are always appreciative.
3. In the morning you know you have done something good.
4. And …if they don’t have us they would be in a door way or under the viaduct because there isn’t anywhere else to go!

Shelter Information:

Open Tuesday – Saturday nights, October 1 – April 30 8:00 pm – 7:30 am. Two people work a night (men or women). Scheduled once a month. The Hosts sleep in a separate space and there is separate space for men/women teams, “life” happens so I find replacements or trades in emergencies.

Thank you. If you have any questions or are interested, please contact Taffy McCormick at 206.321.3702 (text or call) or taffymccormick@comcast.net

We Need You!

Volunteers & Food Needed!
Thanksgiving Meal at Recovery Café
Saturday November 15th - 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

We are looking for help in preparing, delivering and serving a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner for 150 guests as part of OPEN MIC night at the Recovery Café. We will need cooked/sliced turkeys and hams, mashed potatoes, stuffing, vegetables, rolls, pumpkin pie and apple cider. This is a great opportunity to show your Thanksgiving culinary specialty! Can you roast the perfect bird, bake the perfect pie, is your stuffing a family favorite? If interested, please contact Deacon Steve at 965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org

Cabrini Ministry Training

We are all called to minister by virtue of our BAPTISM. If you feel a desire to respond to God’s call in a new way, please prayerfully discern your participation in Cabrini Ministry. You will be welcomed warmly, empowered to be a competent pastoral care minister, and nurtured by the prayerful, loving Cabrini Ministry community.

For more information and applications visit our website or call (206) 760-0583. Patt Reade – Executive Director Email: info@cabriniministry.org website: www.cabriniministry.org

Parish Blood Drive

Oct 20, 2014 - Parish Center
1:00-7:00 pm (closed 3-3:30)

To make an appointment contact Renee Leet at rleet@stjosephparish.org or (206) 324-2522.

Imagine Saving A Life!

Trick Or Treat For Jesuits

Each year thousands, yes thousands of witches, wizards and some saints visit the Jesuit house on Halloween night. Help us feed these hungry souls by bringing a bag or two of candy to the Parish Center or to Mass.
Encounter With A New Church
A Conversation About the Synod on the Family

How shall the Church deal with divorced & remarried Catholics?

How shall we welcome those in civil marriages; those who are cohabitating; same sex partners?

How do we pass on the faith to our children?

Raise our families in challenging days?

For Pope Francis, the question of creating a merciful Church, with families at its center, has led to calling an extraordinary Synod on the Family, with over 200 bishops from around the world. Now, the first reports from the Extraordinary Synod on the Family have been at the center of many stories; and within a week the final report--preparatory to the full Synod next year--will be issued.

Come and share with your fellow Parishioners your own sense of the actions of the Synod in an evening of prayerful conversation and discussion.

Tuesday, October 28, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Arrupe Room, Parish Center

Bach Concert

Featuring our own Madeline Bersamina!

Johann Sebastian Bach’s beloved motet, “Jesu, meine Freude,” is the centerpiece of this all-Baroque program featuring the Seattle region’s top early music performers - including our 11am cantor, Madeline Bersamina. Giovanni Rigatti’s “Nisi Dominus” and Heinrich Schütz’s “Es steh Gott auf” fill out the program, along with sacred works for voices, strings, and continuo.

Saturday, November 1, 2014, 3PM
Trinity Lutheran Church, Lynnwood, WA

Tuesday, November 4, 2014, 7:30PM
Trinity Episcopal Parish, 609 8th Ave, Seattle, WA

The Call Of Liturgical Ministry

If you go to the Liturgy and Worship page of our new parish website it says: “The parish community of St. Joseph gathers together to pray and worship throughout the liturgical year. Prayer, especially the celebration of the Eucharist binds our community together to give honor and glory to God and to recognize the real presence of Christ and the Spirit in one another. Through the celebration of our faith, we are empowered to live out our parish mission statement: “Ignited by the Eucharist to love and serve.”

Get Involved

If you are interested in getting involved, sharing and developing your gifts, and serving as an Usher, a Lector or a Eucharistic Minister please reach out to the coordinator of that particular ministry. The parish website has information about each of these ministries and you can reach the coordinator directly via the website at: Ushers@stjosephparish.org, lectors@stjosephparish.org or eucharisticministers@stjosephparish.org. They will be able to answer your questions and arrange a time for training.
FAITH FORMATION

An Ignatian Book Group

“Pope Francis: Why He Leads the Way He Leads” by Christopher Lowney
3 Monday weekly gatherings | November 10, 17 & 24
7:30 pm-9:00 pm | St. Joseph Parish Center, Seattle
Jennifer Tilghman-Havens, facilitator

Since Pope Francis has taken office, his actions have contradicted behaviors expected of a modern leader. In his latest book, author Christopher Lowney vividly analyzes the distinctive leadership style of the best-known student of Ignatian spirituality, Pope Francis. Lowney’s book offers insightful anecdotes from men who either worked for or studied under the man who has become the first Jesuit Pope. Join this book group to learn not only how being a Jesuit informs Pope Francis’s perspective and sense of mission, but also to reflect on how Ignatian principles and practice might inform your own way of leading in any sphere – whether at work, home, or in the community.

COST: $40 (includes book, facilitation, refreshments, and space). Reduced fee of $25 if you already own the book. Please register below by Monday, November 3, and contact Andrea Fontana to pick up a book (to read Chapters 1-3 ahead of the first gathering).

TO REGISTER: Please visit http://www.ignatiancenter.org/programs/pope-francis-book-group/

FOR MORE INFORMATION, contact Andrea Fontana, Program Coordinator, at (206) 329-4824 or andrea@ignatiancenter.org. Sponsored by the Ignatian Spirituality Center (www.ignatiancenter.org)

Seniors On The Go
Friday, November 7 - Healing Mass at 11:30 am followed by lunch in the Parish Center.

Application Fee Waiver For Gonzaga University
Gonzaga alum, Vince Herberholt has 2 application fee waivers available for students from the parish applying to Gonzaga University. If you are interested, please contact Vince and he will send you instructions on how to obtain this waiver via email vherberholt3@comcast.net
Go Zags!

Men’s Ministry Retreat
October 24 - 26
Join us for a weekend away at beautiful Camp Casey on Whidbey Island to relax, feel rejuvenated and get connected with ourselves and other men form our parish. Questions, or to sign up call Steve at 206-965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org

An Evening On Authentic Ignatian Leadership
Monday, 27 October 2014 | 7-9 pm | St. Joseph Parish
Co-facilitators: Matt Barmore (Seattle Prep) and Brooke Rufo Hill (Magis @ Seattle University)

How might I be an authentic Ignatian leader? How can my formation in the Ignatian tradition be applied in concrete ways to the areas where I wish to be a leader – in my home, workplace, community and beyond? Come explore, share and hear from colleagues about our lived experiences of leadership in a variety of Jesuit educational institutions, ministries and community works! Join us to be nourished & inspired to “set the world on fire”!

Free will offering (Suggested donation: $20) Please RSVP by Thursday, October 23rd to Andrea Fontana at andrea@ignatiancenter.org or (206) 329-4824. For more information, visit http://www.ignatiancenter.org/programs/ignatian-leadership-series/. Sponsored by the Ignatian Spirituality Center.

Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam Concert Series

The next concert in our series features Cappella Romana, with guest Bogdan Djaković from Serbia conducting the choir in “SACRED SONGS OF SERBIA.” Eastern orthodox sources filtered through European musical colors.

The concert is Friday, October 24, at 8 pm in the church and there is a pre-concert lecture at 7 p.m. Suggested donation for tickets: Regular Price $22.00, 65+Senior $19.00 and Students $19.00.
Grand Catholic Italy
Join Fr. Glen Butterworth, S.J., on this 12 day / 11 night spiritual, cultural and historical exploration of Italy

Travel Dates: 12 - 23 October, 2015

Tour Overview - Explore Italy on this wonderful vacation with a focus on the Holy Places important in Catholic history. Begin your tour in Rome with guided sightseeing of the city, ancient Roman sites, a papal audience (if available) and visits to the four patriarchal basilicas, the Vatican museums and more. Spend a special day with Fr. Glen visiting some of his favorite cultural, spiritual, and historical sites. Travel north to Cascia to explore the life of St. Rita and on to beautiful Assisi, home of St. Francis and St. Clare. Visit the sites so important in the lives of these two saints. Continue on into Tuscany to Siena to visit the basilica and sanctuary of St. Dominic and spend time in the beautiful Piazza del Campo. Travel to Florence, the “Cradle of the Renaissance.” Take a walking tour of the historical center with a local guide and visit Signoria Square, the basilicas and more. Travel through the Apennines to the monastery at Pavia and then onto Italy’s commercial and fashion capital, for a walking tour of this fascinating city. In Padua visit the Basilica of Saint Anthony and then onto Venice for a tour of St. Mark’s Square and Basilica, the Doges Palace and Venetian glassblowing. And so much more, including several private masses celebrated by Fr. Glen.

Information Meeting
You are invited to join Fr. Glen, and parishioners Hilda & Walt Kicinski of Viking Cruise & Travel, for additional details, tour savings, and reservation information.

Monday, October 27, 7 - 9 PM - Arrupe Room
Questions? Contact Walt or Hilda at info@vikingcat.com