Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me.
**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY**
**IN ORDINARY TIME**
**SEPTEMBER 20, 2015**

Homily Next Week:
Deacon Steve Wodzanowski

**Readings for September 27, 2015**
**First Reading:** Numbers 11:25-29  
**Second Reading:** James 5:1-6  
**Gospel:** Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

**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

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**Waiting for Francis the Fool**

_In the heart of this world, the Lord of life, who loves us so much, is always present. He does not abandon us, he does not leave us alone, for he has united himself definitively to our earth, and his love constantly impels us to find new ways forward. Praise be to him! -Pope Francis-

This coming Tuesday, as church bells across the nation ring in welcome, the white and gold Al Italia plane of Pope Francis will land at Joint Base Andrews, in Maryland. Coming to the United States from Cuba, the Pope will be met on the tarmac by the President of the United States in a style typical for a head of state—yet, very likely, that will be the last typical moment in the entire pilgrimage of Francis to this country. For Francis comes not primarily as a national leader, but as Pastor of a community of faith, one that he knows only indirectly (having never been to the United States before). He comes as a companion, a partner in dialogue for all those who may not believe as he does but who long to care for and sustain the world and those who dwell in it. He comes as a servant of the poor, whom he will seek out and bring from the shadows into the light. And he comes as a sinner whom Jesus has called into service and whom the Spirit impels to speak fearlessly, to listen lovingly, to embrace compassionately, and to profess tirelessly the Gospel of Jesus Christ, which lives at the heart of the world and encompasses every woman and man in love.

In a culture dominated by public opinion polls and social media, there is a tendency to try to subsume Francis into the same categories used for celebrities and politicians. We note that his poll numbers have fallen among Catholics, though they have risen with non-believers. We interview his “opponents”—such as Cardinal Raymond Burke—to stir up controversy and wonder if his leadership will be neutralized. We gather panels of pundits to pontificate (more than Francis ever does) on his “liberalism” or “conservatism,” on the ratings-driven charges that he is “more Marx than Moses” or “nothing really new.” We count the number of “Likes” he has on Facebook, or the number of followers on Twitter; and from these we determine his influence and importance, his success or failure.

Yet, in the midst of this, Francis rises every morning at 4:30 am,
not to read the latest headlines about himself, nor find out how he is doing in the Huffington Post, but for prayer and contemplation. He seems oblivious to his fame, placing it constantly into the hands of the One who holds him in being—sinner that he is—and who labors at his side as Companion and Beloved.

In an article entitled, Fools for Christ’s Sake, Fr. Peter Hans Kolvenbach, S.J.—former Superior General of the Society of Jesus—writes about the “holy fool” in the history of Christianity. Going back to St. Paul’s declaration, “We are fools for Christ’s sake” (1 Corinthians 4:10) and his notion of the “folly of the Cross” (1 Corinthians 1:18), this movement includes the desert mothers and fathers, who left the city to live ascetic lives of prayer and work, and encompasses many who did extraordinary (and often bizarre) acts of penance and humiliation, in order to disturb the comfortable Christians of their day: people like Symeon of Emesus, who never passed a church without disrupting the liturgy; or Simon Stylites, who sat on a pillar for 37 years near Aleppo, Syria. Even Francis of Assisi follows in this tradition, stripping off his clothes and returning to his father in an act of foolish poverty and humiliation.

In the tradition of Ignatius, however, such acts of foolishness seem uncharacteristic. Interested in the greater honor and glory of God (ad Majorem Dei gloriam), Jesuits have often seemed most dedicated to apostolic effectiveness, to things that work, rather than to the foolishness of St. Francis. Though Jesuits and their companions have given their lives for their faith, the notion of the greater glory of God seems to preclude the extremes of the holy fool. Even Ignatius, who lived in radical poverty in his early years, seems at last guided more by prudence and, even guile, then by the folly of the cross. Such folly seems contrary to the founding of successful universities and high schools—just as it seems contrary to becoming Supreme Pontiff of the Roman Catholic Church.

However, for Ignatius and his Companions, foolishness lay not in particular acts but in the spirit that guides them. Called to put aside their own desire for heroism or humiliation, for success or martyrdom, Ignatian fools place all things in the hands of God, asking only to discern what might bring God greater honor and glory. As Kolvenbach writes, “It is a desire to be chosen not on the basis of human conditions, however generous they be, but solely by the choice of God, however unexpected this may be, for the coming of the kingdom among us. In itself, it is already folly when persons radically lose their own desires in God’s desire for God’s glory.” To be a fool for Christ is not to do foolish things of your own accord, but to do everything—even be successful—for God’s honor and glory.

St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions: For Tony who is feeling sadness over the death of a dear friend. For Chris’s health and his road to healing. For parents who are moving thousands of miles to help a much loved son who was severely injured. For David, his clients and a bank regarding a successful real estate transaction. For Paul who is stressing over his work and the long drive to do his job. Happy 60th birthday to Nancy.

“This is a crucial point in discernment—it’s not the events that matter; it’s our inner response to events.”

~ Excerpt from AN IGNATIAN BOOK OF DAYS – September 20th

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
ORDER OF CELEBRATION
TWENTY - FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

This worship aid is for all Masses, including 5:30 contemplative liturgy. All are invited to join in quiet prayer with prelude from 5:00-5:30 PM.

Prelude
Instrumental (5, 9 & 5:30)
Choral Arts: I Will Lift Mine Eyes (11)

Entrance Songs
Sing, O Sing (5, 9 & 11)  Schutte

Be Not Afraid #608 (5:30)  Dufford

You shall cross the barren desert, but you shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safety though you do not know the way.
You shall speak your words in foreign lands and all will understand.
You shall see the face of God and live.

Blessed are your poor, for the kingdom shall be theirs.
Blest are you that weep and mourn, for one day you shall laugh.
And if wicked tongues insult and hate you all because of me, blessed, blessed are you!
1. 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.

2. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son 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.

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

First Reading

The wicked say:
Let us beset the just one, because he is obnoxious to us;
he sets himself against our doings,
reproaches us for transgressions of the law
and charges us with violations of our training.
Let us see whether his words be true;
let us find out what will happen to him.
For if the just one be the son of God, God will defend him
and deliver him from the hand of his foes.
With revilement and torture let us put the just one to the test
that we may have proof of his gentleness
and try his patience.
Let us condemn him to a shameful death;
for according to his own words, God will take care of him.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 54

The Lord up-holds my life. The Lord up-holds my life.
Second Reading

Beloved:
Where jealousy and selfish ambition exist,
there is disorder and every foul practice.
But the wisdom from above is first of all pure,
then peaceable, gentle, compliant,
full of mercy and good fruits,
without inconstancy or insincerity.
And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace
for those who cultivate peace.

James 3:16-4:3

Where do the wars
and where do the conflicts among you come from?
Is it not from your passions
that make war within your members?
You covet but do not possess.
You kill and envy but you cannot obtain;
you fight and wage war.
You do not possess because you do not ask.
You ask but do not receive,
because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions

Gospel Acclamation

Celtic Alleluia

Gospel

Mark 9:30-37

Jesus and his disciples left from there and began a journey through Galilee, but he did not wish anyone to know about it. He was teaching his disciples and telling them, “The Son of Man is to be handed over to men and they will kill him, and three days after his death the Son of Man will rise.” But they did not understand the saying, and they were afraid to question him.

They came to Capernaum and, once inside the house, he began to ask them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” But they remained silent. They had been discussing among themselves on the way who was the greatest. Then he sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, “If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.” Taking a child, he placed it in the their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, “Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me.”

Homily

Father Glen Butterworth, S.J.

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.
For us (men) and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

At the words that follow, up to and including ‘and became man’; all bow.

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.
Prayer over the Offerings

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.

Preface Dialogue

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

Mass of Christ the Savior

Schutte

Mystery of Faith

Schutte
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 a gluten free host,
please come to the presider & indicate this.

Communion

Unless A Grain of Wheat (5 & 9)

Farrell

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.
Now We Remain (5, 9 & 5:30) 

We hold the death of the Lord deep in our hearts.

Living, now we remain with Jesus, the Christ.

Choral Arts: Beati Quorum Via (11)

Song of Praise 

This Is My Song (5 & 11) 

1. This is my song, O God of all the nations, A song of peace for lands afar and mine. This is my home, the country where my heart is; Here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy

2. My country's skies are bluer than the ocean, And sunlight beams on clover-leaf and pine. But other lands have come; on earth your will be done. Let Christ be lifted
county where my heart is; Here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy

3. This is my prayer, O God of all earth's kingdoms, Your kingdom up till all shall serve him, And hearts united learn to live as shrine; But other hearts in other lands are beating mine. So hear my song, O God of all the nations,

FINLANDIA

A song of peace for their land and for mine. My self I give you; let your will be done.

A song of light too, and clover, And skies are ev'rywhere as blue as up till all shall serve him, And hearts united learn to live as

With hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

Recessional

Instrumental
This Week At St. Joseph

Sunday
9:00 AM  Mass
10:00 AM Coffee & Donuts - Join Us!
11:00 AM Mass
1:00 PM  Parish Picnic - Join Us!
5:30 PM  Mass

Monday
7:00 AM  Mass
7:00 AM  Yoga - Body In Prayer
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
7:00 PM  The VOICE Youth Group

Thursday
7:00 AM  Mass

Friday
7:00 AM  Mass

Saturday
3:30 PM  Weekly Reconciliation
5:00 PM  Vigil Mass

Jesuit Puget Sound

2015-2016 Catholic Heritage Lectures: Care for the Earth, Care for the Poor

This year’s lecture series is inspired by “Laudato Si’,” Pope Francis’ encyclical on the environment

October 15, 2015, 7 pm, Pigott Auditorium, SU
“Are We at Home in the Cosmos? Challenges and New Directions” Keynote Speaker: Ilia Delio, OSF

In Laudato Si’, Pope Francis calls us to conversion, to a new level of consciousness that sees the whole earth as a cosmic family, following the example of Saint Francis of Assisi. But Francis of Assisi lived in a prescientific age, where cosmos and anthropos were held together in a geocentric order centered in Christ. Is our post-modern, scientific age able to embrace a new level of consciousness, one that sees the earth as our home? We will explore some of the challenges of Laudato Si’ and highlight the relationship between integral ecology and evolution, using the insights of Teilhard de Chardin.

The lectures are free and open to the public. No prior registration for Catholic Heritage Lectures necessary.

There is a follow up presentation on October 17th, sponsored by IPJC. Registration required for follow up. Visit www.ipjc.org to register by October 9th!

ISC - Laudato Si’ Series

An exciting series on the Pope’s new encyclical letter -Laudato Si’ Verdant and Dry Tree

4 Thursdays from 7:00-8:30 pm, October 29, November 5, 12 and 19, 2015, St. Joseph Parish Center

In Laudato Si’, Pope Francis urges all of humanity to purposefully look at what is perhaps the greatest challenge humanity has ever faced: our dependence on an economic system which has both created vast inequities and seriously degraded ecological systems, causing massive species extinction and altering Earth’s climate. Woven throughout these challenges is the reality that those most responsible for these impacts often suffer least from them. At times pastoral, at times prophetic, at times practical, the encyclical challenges us to consider our economics, our sense of identity, our theology & spirituality, and ultimately, the way we live our daily lives.

PREPARATION: Please read as much of Laudato Si’ as possible before the first gathering on October 29.

COST: Early Bird—$40* | After October 15—$45* Partial Work Scholarships available

INFO: Contact Andrea Fontana, Program Coordinator, andrea@ignatiancenter.org or 206. 329.4824
There’s a lot going on in the Catholic Church Today!

Laudato Si, The Synod on the Family, The Year of Mercy, The Pope’s visit to the US and his address before a joint meeting of Congress. What does all this mean? How can I learn more about it and my faith in general? The St. Joe’s Faith Formation Commission invites you to join us for the inaugural year of our Adult Faith Formation program. Based on 5 pillars of faith below, programs will begin in September and a comprehensive list of events and activities will be posted on the website shortly. Examples of our planned events are included in highlights. For more information contact Dottie Farewell at 206.965.1652 or dfarewell@stjosephparish.org

Pillars of Faith

**Scripture**
Study that brings Christ alive in our head and heart using various approaches.

**History**
Study emphasizing our rich history including major events, movements, and policy changes.

**Belief & Practice**
Fundamentals of what it means to be Catholic including emerging issues like Laudato Si.

**Sacraments**
History, meaning, benefits, practice & symbolism of the Sacraments & prep for parents.

**Spirituality**
Instruction on types of prayer and an opportunity to actively experience prayer at the parish.
**FAITH FORMATION**

**Come and See What the Catholic Faith has to Offer**
Tuesday, September 22nd - 7:00 – 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 or Confirmation 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 965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org

**All are welcome in this journey of faith!**

**Partnering with Parents: Topics in the Catholic Church Today**

Do you read the news and all that the Catholic Church is doing throughout the world and want to share your thoughts and ideas with other folks? Are you really busy and don’t have a chance to know what’s happening lately? Parishioner Sue Grady, M.Div, will be facilitating an adult group during the Children’s Faith Formation on Sunday mornings beginning October 11th from 10:15-10:55am in the Parish Center. Articles will be sent in advance to participants prior to each Sunday for reflection and discussion. Hospitality provided. Please contact Dottie Farewell for more information or if you’d like to add your name to the email distribution list.

**Children’s Faith Formation Kick Off Schedule**

Childcare begins Sunday, September 27th
Pre-K begins Sunday, October 4th
CFF & Confirmation classes begin Sunday, October 11th

**Confirmation**

Confirmation classes and mass will once again be offered this year at St. Joseph Parish. We will have a parent and student *information meeting next Sunday, September 27th at 12:30pm in the Parish Center.*

Confirmation Preparation Classes begin Sunday, October 11th in the Mother Theresa Room of the Parish Center from 12:15 - 2 pm (lunch is included). All class materials including books, food, and the retreat supplies will be provided. The fee for classes is $135. Confirmation Mass will be in late January or early February*. To register please visit the main page of our website stjosephparish.org and click on the dark blue “Children’s Faith Formation 2015-2016” tile.

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

**CFF still needs your help!**

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:

**CFF1:** 1st year of the two year Sac Prep program; class meets after the 9am mass from 10:10-11am in the Parish Center. Class begins October 11 and ends May 22 (major holidays/breaks off). Parent volunteers are also needed to assist.

**CFF Junior High:** Year 1 Intro to the Bible for 6th & 7th graders; learn about “Great People of the Bible” in the Old and New Testaments. Class meets after the 9am mass from 10:10-11am in the Parish Center beginning October 11 and ends May 22.

**CFF 3/4 co-teacher:** general religious education for those who just recently completed First Communion. Class meets after the 9am mass from 10:10-11am in the parish center. This class also performs the Passion Play on Palm Sunday.
Pathfinders 2015

Calling all St. Joseph 6th, 7th and 8th Graders,

Are you looking for an adventure, a chance to help others, a community?

Join Pathfinders Middle School Youth Group!

We meet on Wednesday nights in the Parish Center from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. Our first meeting will be on October 7th.

For more information contact Erin Tobin at cff@stjosephparish.org or (206)324-2522 x111

Register at http://www.stjosephparish.org “Pathfinders”

Fall Family Mass & Pancake Breakfast

Hosted by our parish school’s Parent Association Board and St. Joseph Parish. Sunday, October 4th 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

Catechetical Sunday

We bless our teachers at the 9 am Mass on Sunday, September 20th. This ministry of teaching in the name of the Church has a profound dignity, which is why catechists are formally commissioned by the Church. It is only fitting that we set aside a day to highlight this ministry and invite the entire church community to think about our responsibility to share our faith with others.

Pathfinders Youth Group Needs Your Help!

Would you like to be more involved with youth programming at St. Joe’s? We are currently seeking adult volunteers to help with the Pathfinders (middle school) youth group. We meet on Wednesday nights during the school year from 6:00pm to 7:30pm in the Parish center. Help one or two nights a month or come help at all the meetings. Our program involves helping youth with service projects, crafting, reflections, holiday celebrations, teamwork activities, etc. If you are interested or would like more information please email Erin at pathfinders@stjosephparish.org or call (206)324-2522 x111.
Liturgy and Worship

Neighborhood Blessing Of The Animals
Please join us on Sunday, October 4th at 12:15 pm (right after the 11 am Mass), on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi for a blessing of the animals on the front lawn of the church.

Parish Holy Hour
Thursday, October 1st, 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.

Liturgical Ministries
Now is the time in parish life when parishioners are invited to consider serving in one of the various liturgical ministries at St. Joseph. If you have a knack for welcoming people and enjoy helping to create a hospitable environment, perhaps you may be called to serve as an "usher." If you love to read and pray with scripture, have a good strong, clear voice there may be a place for you as a part of the team of parish "lectors." "Eucharistic ministers" always talk of the very special joy that they experience serving the body and blood of Christ to the "Body of Christ". And, of course, if you love singing and using your voice to help spirits soar in song, perhaps the "choir" is for you. If so, please speak with music director Robert McCaffery-Lent after mass, or contact him at the parish center or visit the website to schedule an audition. For the ministries of lector, eucharistic minister and usher the "Open Enrollment" period is Sept 15th to Oct. 15th. Please visit the liturgy section of the parish website for more information and to sign up or contact one of the ministry captains for consultation. Or, simply talk with one of the ministers after mass who will be happy to speak with you about the ministry. Finally you can always contact Pastoral Assistant for Liturgy Robert McCaffery-Lent at rmclent@stjosephparish.org or 206.965.1649.

Liturgy & Worship Commission
St. Joseph’s Liturgy and Worship Commission is seeking new members. The Liturgy and Worship Commission promotes and deepens the communal prayer of the St. Joseph community by:

- sustaining the living traditions and practices of the Church;
- developing and supporting other forms of prayer and spiritual enlightenment;
- evaluating and discerning the on-going worship of the People of God.

We meet on five Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the Parish Center. Meeting dates are: Sept. 16, Dec. 16, Jan 20, March 16 and May 18. If interested please contact Pastoral Assistant for Liturgy and Music Robert McCaffery-Lent at Rmclent@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1649. We are looking for 2-4 new members who can commit to either a 1, 2 or 3 year term.

Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam
On Saturday October 3 at 8 pm, the new season of the Saint Joseph Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam Concert Series commences with a performance by our Choir-In-Residence, Choral Arts. The concert features a performance of David Lang’s the Little Match Girl Passion, a Pulitzer Prize winning oratorio based on one of the stories of Hans Christian Anderson.

“I wanted to tell a story.” This is what David Lang set out to do when he composed this work, which serves as the centerpiece of Choral Arts’ season opener. It has been described as “breathtakingly spare and icily gorgeous” in spite of its minimalist construction. The result is a surprisingly lush retelling of the Hans Christian Anderson tale which seeks to elevate the match girl’s suffering, and perhaps our own.

This season kick-off program also features the opening movement from Ildebrando Pizzetti’s beautiful Messa di Requiem (1922-23) and Jake Runestad’s haunting And So I Go On (2014); pieces that, like the Lang, seek to transform grief into a tribute to love.

There is a pre-concert conversation at 7:30 pm. Suggested donation: $25 General Admission, $20 Seniors, and students with a student ID are always free! Tickets can be pre-purchased from the Choral Arts Website or purchased at the door.
**Parish Picnic 2015**

Join your neighbors, friends, & fellow parishioners on Sunday, September 20th from 1 to 4 pm for our Annual Parish Picnic.

Enjoy a fun-filled afternoon with rides for the kids along with cotton candy, snowcones and popcorn with live music and beer garden for the adults.

The parish provides hot dogs, beer, wine and root-beer. Everyone’s invited to bring a side, salad or dessert to share. If you are new to St. Joseph Parish, please come and join in the fun and introduce yourself to us!

**Young Adult Ministry**

Young adults ages 21 – 35, are you looking for a way to grow your faith and deepen your connection to the St. Joseph community? Look no further! St. Joseph Young Adult (YA) ministry is hosting a GoodNewsPeople group that will meet weekly starting on Monday Oct 19th. GoodNewsPeople is a faith formation program built around the small-group process of prayer, reflection, and action. The group will meet in Wallingford from 7:30-9:30 pm on Monday nights for 14 sessions (7 sessions, break over the holidays, 7 sessions). Each session includes prayer, lectio divina, dialogue, and sharing Good News Stories. The cost for participants is $25 for the 14-week program booklet/materials. Please email youngadultcommunity@stjosephparish.org with questions and/or to sign up. Please sign up by Sunday Oct 5th so we can order the right number of books!

**Parishioner Book Reading**

Are you just wild about Harry Potter? Crazy for Katniss Everdeen? Here’s your chance to meet their new sister in literature: Astra Fairweather. Long-time St. Joseph parish member Brian Jaybush, co-author of “The Summer Apprentice,” Astra’s first story, will read selections from that novel in the Parish Center on Monday, September 21st at 7 pm. The reading is free and open to everyone - and just like the novel - is appropriate for readers from fourth grade through adult!

Further information about Astra is available on Brian’s website: www.Psiwriters.info, along with links to those merchants who can give you a head start into Astra’s world!

**Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Calling all knitters and crocheters of all abilities and even beginners. We would love for anyone interested to join the Saint Joseph Prayer Shawl Ministry and help us continue our ministry of providing shawls and blankets to those in need of healing and prayer. Our next gathering will be **Thursday, October 1st from 7 to 8:30 pm.** Please join us. If you are a new knitter or crocheter we are happy to teach you.

If you have any questions or would like help getting started, please contact Jennifer Rothmeyer at jenniferrothmeyer@hotmail.com
During the month of September, we are highlighting a different Outreach Ministry each week that focuses on providing temporary shelter or permanent housing. This weekend we focus on our WINTER SHELTER program...

Volunteers Needed for St. Joseph Winter Shelter

I can't think of anything I do that keeps me more connected to reality than working at the men's shelter. Spending time at the men's shelter with people who are just doing their best to make it from day-to-day certainly helps me keep the other things I do in perspective. It was also a great learning experience for my three children who would help me out at the shelter through their teenage years. It's been a perspective-altering opportunity for all of us.

--Gary Fallon, Overnight Host

“When we are generous in welcoming people and sharing something with them—some food, a place in our homes, our time—not only do we no longer remain poor; we are enriched. I am well aware that when someone needing food knocks at your door, you always find a way of sharing food; as the proverb says, one can always ‘add more water to the beans’! Is it possible to add more water to the beans?...Always?...And you do so with love, demonstrating that true riches consist not in materials things, but in the heart!”

--Pope Francis

The St. Joseph Winter Shelter provides overnight shelter and ‘meal bags’ for fourteen homeless men, age 50 and older, five nights a week from October through April. The program tries to offer a night's rest in an environment of dignity, respect and safety.

History

The St. Joseph Winter Shelter came into being in 1992 in response to a need presented by the Archdiocesan Housing Authority’s St. Martin de Porres Shelter. St. Martin’s can sleep 212 men a night but the need far outweighs the available space during the cold winter months, hence the satellite shelter system was created. There are now 8 local churches working with St. Martin’s to provide 34 beds a night during the winter months.

Get Involved

Please consider volunteering as a host. Hosts work in pairs and sign up for a specific night once a month. The two hosts spending the night provide hospitality and a sense of community among them and the men. Meal providers use their own funds to prepare a meal for the men to take the next morning. They are scheduled on the day of their choice once a month or every six weeks.

Meal providers can deliver the meals between 8:00 am - 10:00 pm. The men appreciate the fact that someone has thought enough of them to make sure they have food for the day. Shelter volunteers are men and women of all ages, special people who aren’t afraid to face a population and a life style that might be different then their own. To volunteer contact Taffy McCormick at wintershelter@stjosephparish.org
We Must Act: European Refugee Crisis

The images say it all. Overcrowded camps and cities filled with refugees. Boats holding more than they should carry over the Mediterranean waters. Families carrying children across railroad tracks in transit throughout Europe. Bodies washed ashore.

Since the current conflict in Syria began in 2011, almost four million Syrians have fled in search of peace, safety and security. As prospects for peace diminish in the region, people are struggling to find hope and are willing to do anything for the future of their families.

Jesuit Refugee Service/USA is working within Syria, in neighboring countries, along transit routes and within Europe to provide safe spaces for refugees and assist them with food and water, clothing, bedding and medicine, and counseling and education programs.

Many of us are asking ourselves, what can we do? We can pray. We can learn. And we must act. “To conquer our fear we must extend the hand of friendship to people in need. Together with policymakers we can learn from local initiatives of welcome,” says Jean-Marie Carrière of JRS.

Please take a moment today to urge the U.S. Government to demonstrate leadership at this critical time. Only by rallying the voices of citizens can we demonstrate that we will not stand by while this crisis unfolds before our eyes. We must ensure that refugees are offered the dignity, compassion and opportunity they deserve.

Thank you for your support. For more information visit www.jrsusa.org
ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH MEN'S WEEKEND RETREAT

“CHRISTMAS IS EVERYDAY”
LIVING OUR FAITH AS GIFT AND PRESENCE

October 23-25, 2015
Friday evening through Sunday morning: Beautiful Camp Casey on Whidbey Island

RETREAT ANIMATORS: Dick Ellis, Jim Hoover, Gary Keister, Stuart Rowe, Chris Eagan, Fr. Pat O’Leary

Retreat begins Friday evening at 8:00 p.m. and ends 11am 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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Join us for a weekend away on the shores of Puget Sound, where we hope to provide time to relax, feel rejuvenated and inspired, get connected with ourselves and other men from our parish as well as eat, pray and play!

To register fill out form and e-mail/drop it off/mail. We need a minimum of 25 guys to go and a maximum of 35 participants. Sign-up on first come, first pay basis. Questions? Call Steve at 965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org

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WILL YOU DRIVE? YES ___ NO ___  Do you need a ride? YES ___ NO ___
HAVE DINNER WITH THE POPE!

On Thursday, 24 September 2015, Pope Francis will address the U.S. Congress. Since it will be broadcast at 6:30 am in Seattle, St. Joseph Parish will re-broadcast the address at 6:30 pm, and we will provide a simple Italian dinner, as well.

Join us to watch the Pope & eat together, then discuss what you hear.

6:30 PM, 24 September in the Parish Center