

Sunday, 4 October 2015 * Twenty-Seventh Sunday of the Year * www.stjosephparish.org

St. Joseph Parish

THE JESUIT PARISH IN SEATTLE



TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 4, 2015 Homily Next Week: Father John D. Whitney, S.J.

Readings for October 11, 2015

First Reading: Wisdom 7:7-11 Second Reading: Hebrews 4:12-13 Gospel: Mark 10:17-30

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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Acting In Conscience

I can say conscientious objection is a right that is a part of every human right. It is a right. And if a person does not allow others to be a conscientious objector, he denies a right. Conscientious objection must enter into every juridical structure.

-Pope Francis, on his plane returning from the United States-

I began this week intending to discuss the wonderful impromptu address Pope Francis gave to those gathered for the Festival of Families in Philadelphia. As we begin October—a month dedicated to the gift of life in all its forms—it seemed appropriate to recall the Pope's joyful optimism and the way he spoke of families, shaped by love, who hold and form the lives of men and women, girls and boys. As Francis noted, when God chose to come into the world, it was not in a palace nor in a city, but in a family. Speaking with tender humor, with passion and compassion, Francis proclaimed, "The family has a divine identity card. . .God gave the family an identity card, so that families could be places in our world where his truth, love, and beauty could continue to take root and grow."

"Truth, love, and beauty"—that was what I intended to write about this week. Then it was revealed that Kim Davis, the County Clerk from Kentucky who refused to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples, met with Pope Francis during his visit to Washington, DC, and it seemed impossible to speak of the Pope's visit without addressing what such a meeting might mean. Both the media and my own e-mail were filled with questions about this encounter: Doesn't Francis' willingness to meet with Kim Davis belie all the inclusive and welcoming words he speaks? Isn't he implicitly affirming Ms. Davis' stance, and, through his embrace, encouraging her to keep the door closed to gay couples? Isn't this just what we feared, i.e., that Francis is the same old exclusionary Church, masked by a kindly exterior and a love for the poor?

While I have no inside knowledge of what went on between Francis and Ms. Davis, and rely on media reports (which are rarely entirely accurate) and statements from obviously interested parties (e.g., Ms. Davis' lawyers), it seems likely to me that this meeting was orchestrated by someone more concerned with a political agenda in the United States than the well-being of Francis. It is unlikely that—among the hundreds of people he saw—the Pope sought out a woman whose approach seems so opposite to his own. We don't know what he was told prior to the meeting, but I can well imagine him being gracious and encouraging when she entered the room, offering her a rosary (normal for a papal meeting), and giving her the encouragement given to many: "Have courage. Be strong."

I am, perhaps, naïve in all this; yet, I remain hopeful that others who met with Francis were as warmly greeted as Ms. Davis. I imagine him with people such as Bishop Gene Robinson, the first openly gay Episcopal bishop in the United States, and Sr. Simone Campbell, from *Nuns on the Bus*, both of whom were present at the White House when Francis arrived. From Fr. James Martin, we know that he met with Sr. Norma Pimentel, an immigrant advo-

cate, and Sr. Mary Scullen, creator of "Mary, Undoer of Knots." Francis had come to encounter the United States and to hear our many voices. I like to think that such meetings were not always endorsements.

However the meeting with Kim Davis occurred and whatever we think it might mean, our suppositions should not replace the things the Pope actually said. For example when asked by Archbishop Chaput to address the issue of religious freedom, Pope Francis did not allude to the incarceration of Ms. Davis, but spoke of interreligious dialogue. Citing Quaker openness to individual conscience, Francis affirmed the need to keep faith from becoming a subculture, and encouraged its presence in the public square. In a wonderful geometric metaphor, he called for a respectful pluralism, as various types of belief come together in a single nation: "I like to use a geometrical image for this. If globalization is a sphere, where every point is equidistant from the center, it cancels everything out; it is not good. But if globalization is like a polyhedron, where everything is united but each element keeps its own identity, then it is good; it causes a people to grow, it bestows dignity and it grants rights to all." This image of religious liberty—which suggests not homogenization but unity-in-diversity—seems not at all reactive, not at all defensive; rather, it affirms the kind of openness to others Francis so often personi-

Later, when returning to Rome, Francis was asked about a hypothetical case similar to that of Ms. Davis. Rather than rising to her defense, Francis reframes the question around conscientious objection, using an image from the Song of Roland, in which Muslim prisoners are given the choice of baptism or death. "They weren't permitted conscientious objection," he says. "It is a right and if we want to make peace we have to respect all rights." In turning the question, Francis implies that his concern is with the rights of the individual to act or not act according to conscience—whether or not that conscience is well-formed. As one who, only a few years ago, argued for the primacy of conscience for teachers in a Catholic school, I recognize my own fundamental agreement on this matter.

A person should have the right to believe even repugnant ideas, and also have the right to refuse to act when an action violates his or her conscience: this is what the Pope affirms, and what I sense many of us believe. For example, if a person cannot, in conscience, kill another person, laws should exist which allow that person to be free from conscription into the Army—perhaps requiring some other work instead (as in the case of the future John XXIII, who drove an ambulance in World War I). Or, as another example, if a person believes that

medicine is sinful, as in the case of a devout Christian Scientist, that person should not be forced to be medicated, though the state might intervene in the case of the person's minor children. These are classic examples of the right to conscientious objection, and Francis affirms that a just system allows room for such a right. Yet, he does not say-nor has any system ever said-that the moral objection of one member of society should keep others from exercising their rights, as defined by that society. Thus, while George Wallace might be free to oppose integration and even to withdraw his children from integrated schools as a matter of conscience, nothing Francis says seems to suggest that Wallace, therefore, has the right to prevent black people from exercising their right to integrated education. Likewise, although Ms. Davis should be protected in her conscientious opposition to same-sex marriage, Francis says nothing that suggests that she, therefore, has the right to block others from following their consciences through marriage. Conscientious objection is a right resident in individual persons—it is a human right—but it is not, in that, a license to deny others their civil rights.

We may never know why Pope Francis met with Kim Davis. Yet, we do know that at no time after the meeting does he bring the case up himself. Nor, when it is brought up, does he take it at face value. Neither condemning her nor championing her, Francis makes his own points about both religious freedom and freedom of conscience. And whether we are heartened or heartsick by the news of Ms. Davis' visit, it is these points with which we must ultimately wrestle.





FOLLOW ST. JOSEPH ON FACEBOOK

Did you know that St. Joseph has a Facebook page? Check out our posted pics and inspirational shares on our Jesuit identity. And while you're at it, please "like" us. As of press time, the parish had 305 likes. Thanks for putting us over the 300 mark. Let's go all the way to 400!

Check us out at: www.facebook.com/stjosephseattle

ORDER OF CELEBRATION

TWENTY-SIXTH 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.

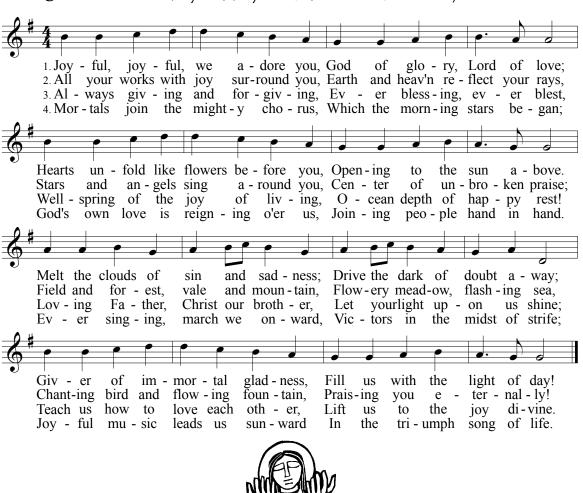


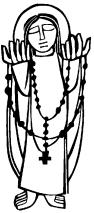
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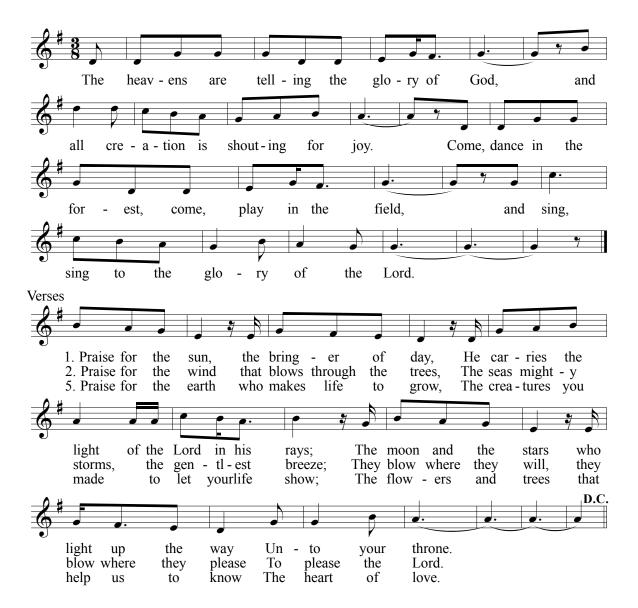
Instrumental

Entrance Songs

Joyful, Joyful (5, 9 & 11) VanDyke/Beethoven/Hodges



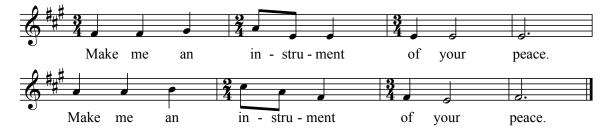




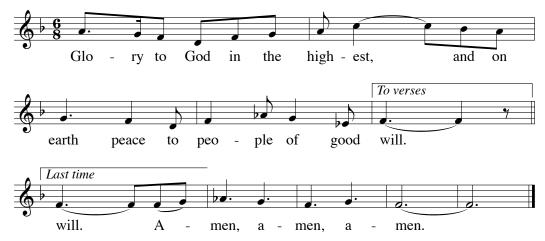


Make Me An Instrument of Your Peace (5:30)

Bridge



Storrington Mass Gloria



- 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, lesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

First Reading

The LORD God said: "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a suitable partner for him." So the LORD God formed out of the ground various wild animals and various birds of the air and he brought them to the man to see what he would call them; whatever the man called each of them would be its name. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of the air, and all wild animals; but none proved to be the suitable partner for the man.

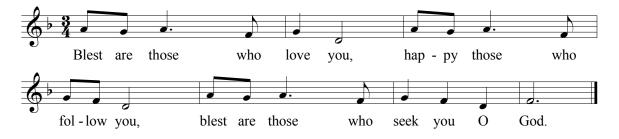
So the LORD God cast a deep sleep on the man, and while he was asleep, he took out one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. The LORD God then built up into a woman the rib that he had taken from the man. When he brought her to the man, the man said: "This one, at last, is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called 'woman, 'for out of 'her man' this one has been taken. "That is why a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one flesh.



Genesis 2:18-24

Responsorial Psalm Blest Are Those Who Love You

Haugen



Second Reading Hebrews 2:9-11



Brothers and sisters: He "for a little while" was made "lower than the angels, "that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

For it was fitting that he, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the leader to their salvation perfect through suffering. He who consecrates and those who are being consecrated all have one origin. Therefore, he is not ashamed to call them "brothers."



Gospel Mark 10:2-12

The Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, "Is it lawful for a husband to divorce his wife?" They were testing him. He said to them in reply, "What did Moses command you?" They replied, "Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce and dismiss her." But Jesus told them, "Because of the hardness of your hearts he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. So they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate." In the house the disciples again questioned Jesus about this. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

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.

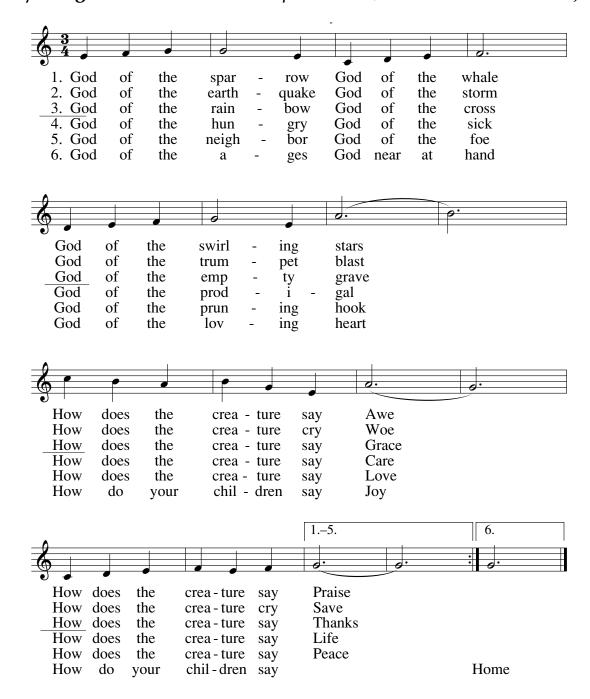
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

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.



Instrumental (5:30)

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.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

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

Assembly: And with your spirit.

Assembly: We lift them up to the Lord.

Assembly: It is right and just.



Priest: Behold the Lamb of God...

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.

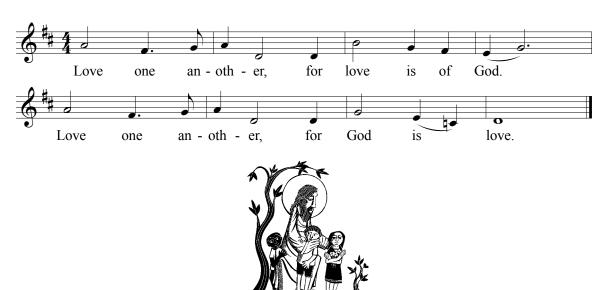
IF YOU HAVE A GLUTEN ALLERGY, & NEED OF A GLUTEN FREE HOST, PLEASE COME TO THE PRESIDER & INDICATE THIS.

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

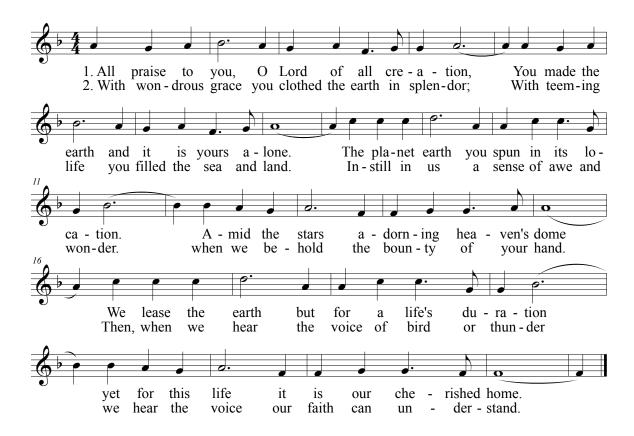


Love One Another, #630

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Recessional

Instrumental



THIS WEEK AT ST. JOSEPH

Sunday

9:00 AM Mass - Childcare Available 7:0 10:00 AM Pancake Breakfast 7:0

11:00 AM Mass

12:15 PM Neighborhood Blessing of Animals

5:30 PM Mass

Monday

7:00 AM Mass

7:00 AM Yoga - Body In Prayer7:00 PM Sacred Silence Prayer7:00 PM Rosary Prayer Goup

Tuesday

7:00 AM Mass
7:00 PM St. Vincent de Paul Information Session

Wednesday

7:00 AM Mass

7:00 AM Yoga - Body In Prayer

6:00 PM Pathfinders

7:00 PM The VOICE Youth Group

Thursday

7:00 AM Mass

7:00 PM Gospel of Luke Series

Friday

7:00 AM Mass

Saturday

3:30 PM Weekly Reconciliation

5:00 PM Vigil Mass

JESUIT PUGET SOUND

ISC - Laudato Si' Series

An exciting series on the Pope's new encyclical letter *Laudato Si'--*4 Thursdays from 7:00-8:30 pm, October 29, November 5, 12 and 19, 2015, at St. Joseph Parish Center

In *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis urges all of us 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 climate change.

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.

2015-16 Catholic Heritage Lectures: Care for the Earth, Care for the Poor

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

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!

Copies of Fr. John D. Whitney's, collection of columns, "A Reading Of *Laudauto Si'*, " in addition to the Papal Encyclical, are available in the Parish Center.

FAITH FORMATION

Children's Faith Formation Kick Off Schedule

CFF classes begin Sun, October 11 **SAVE THE DATE**: CFF2 Parent & Child First
Reconciliation Workshop, Sat, October 24 from
9-11:30 am in the Church

Confirmation

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.



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 10:15-10:55 am** 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.

FAITH FORMATION



The VOICE

Wednesdays from 7-8:30 pm throughout the year the VOICE, St. Joseph's High School Youth community, is open to all students interested in exploring their lives and spirituality more deeply – and just having some fun!

The weekly activities vary widely, ranging from discussions to games to field trips. What remains the same is the emphasis on community. The Voice seeks to create an open space in which students can come as they are, bringing their questions, their struggles and their excitement, without meeting any expectations or judgments. This community recognizes that high school students are all in different places with respect to their spirituality, and hopes only to provide a safe and fun space in which to grow. Don't believe me, just ask any of last year's members!

In addition, the Voice also provides community service and social justice opportunities – both through local volunteering and more global solidarity with the youth in our sister parish in Arcatao, El Salvador. Please contact Sam Kennedy at thevoice@stjosephparish.org, with any questions!

Pathfinders Youth Group Needs Your Help!

Would you like to be more involved with youth programming at St. Joseph? 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 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm 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.

Adult Faith Formation

The St. Joseph Faith Formation Commission invites you to join us for the inaugural year of our Adult Faith Formation program. The foundation of this year's program will be Bible Study on the Gospel of Luke. We have included a full listing of our Bible Study programs below. All programs will be presented in the Parish Center.

Finding the Gospel of Mercy, Bible Study with Fr. John, October 8 and 22, 7-9 pm.

Small Group Bible Study Daytime (Luke 1-11) * Following the Threshold Bible Series (\$20 charge for the book and material – scholarships available) – Jesus the Compassionate Savior * Facilitated by Sue Grady * 6 Sessions * Beginning 10/28 * 9-10:30 am * Brebeuf Room

Small Group Bible Study Evening (Luke 1-11) * Following the Threshold Bible Series (\$20 charge for the book and material – scholarships available) – Jesus the Compassionate Savior * Facilitated by Sr. Mary Annette Dworshak * 6 Sessions * Beginning 10/29 * 7-9:30 pm * Brebeuf Room

Online Bible Study (Lectionary – the Sunday Website of St. Louis University – http://liturgy.slu.edu) * Facilitated by Linda Chavez and Vince Herberholt * More information forthcoming.

For more information on these Bible Study programs and others offered by the Parish contact Dottie Farewell at dfarewell@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1653.

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"

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.

Liturgical Ministries

"OPEN ENROLLMENT" for new Liturgical Ministers is now through Oct. 15th If you are interested in serving as a lector, eucharistic minister or usher 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. You can always contact Pastoral Assistant for Liturgy Robert McCaffery-Lent as well at rmclent@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1649.

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.

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 Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the Parish Center. Meeting dates are: December 16, January 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.



Prayer St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions: Safe journey for Fr. Glen and his travelling companions to Italy this month . . . For Jim's health . . . For those who are facing the challenge of cancer . . . For those who are in recovery from the serious accident on the

Aurora Bridge . . . For the survivors of the recent shootings at Umpqua Community College . . . Gratitude for the Vicar of Christ being in America and being seen and heard by millions -- God bless Pope Francis and let us pray for him.

"Mercy, Peace and Love be yours in abundance."

lude 1:2

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



Parish Life

Seniors On The Go

Tuesday, October 13th - at 11:30 am Senior Planning Meeting. Bring your lunch and ideas for future outings and new plans with a lively group. Keep up with future plans in the bulletin.

Tuesday, October 13th - at 1 pm please join us for the movie "The Boy Who Came Back from Heaven."

Wednesday, October 21st - at 10 am meet at the Parish Center for a trip to MOHAI (Museum of History and Industry). Cost is \$10, no host lunch. Transportation provided. Sign up with Renee.

Friday, November 6th - Healing Mass at 11:30 am followed by Seniors Luncheon in the Parish Center.

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. Good-NewsPeople 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!

Young Adult Service Project

On Saturday, October 17, join the St. Joseph Young Adults for Fall fun and service as we help the Jubilee Women's Center rake leaves and prep their garden for winter. Our group will be meeting at Jubilee for a 10 am start and will finish by 4 pm-- come for some or all of the shift. We'll provide pizza and beer for lunch, and Jubilee will provide gardening supplies, but bring your favorite gardening gloves if you have them! A sign-up sheet will be posted at the back of the church, or RSVP to youngadultcommunity@stjosephparish.org.

St. Joseph Men's Retreat

"Christmas Is Everyday" Living Our Faith as Gift and Presence October 23-25, 2015

Friday evening through Sunday morning at 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 pm and ends 11 am on Sunday. (Cost: \$150 single room; \$125 per person double occupancy) Accommodations are simple and rustic! Partial scholarships available. Cost does not include transportation. We will help organize carpooling.

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! We need a minimum of 25 and a maximum of 35 participants so sign-up is on a first come, first pay basis. For questions or to register, contact Steve at stevew@ stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1646.

CYO Basketball!

Winter will be here soon and so will another year of Jaguars Hoops. Basketball is open to all 4th through 8th graders.

Registrations are due by October 12th. Late registrations will be handled on a case by case basis and do not guarantee a spot on a team.

The cost is \$75 dollars and you can register using the SportsPilot link on the St. Joseph CYO Basketball page.

FAITH JUSTICE



During the month of October, we are highlighting a different Outreach Ministry each week that focuses on sustaining life. This weekend we focus on St. Vincent de Paul...

St. Vincent de Paul at St. Joseph

St. Vincent de Paul is a Global Organization with Strength in Neighborhoods

The St. Vincent de Paul Society has been in existence for over 180 years. I think in some ways we may be seen as a hidden ministry though we are active in more than 149 countries worldwide.

St. Joseph's Conference of St. Vincent de Paul

Here at St. Joseph, the SVdP conference has been active in our neighborhood since the 1930's visiting the needy in their homes. Home visits are the cornerstone of our ministry. There is a very small group here at St. Joseph who has been dedicated for a number of years making home visits offering assistance with rent, utilities, food and providing a compassionate presence.

Many parishioners contribute money by check monthly through the green envelope or monthly when members of the St. Vincent Society can be seen collecting donations at the back of the church after masses to support the ministry.

SVdP is a Solid Donation Investment

At St. Joseph close to 100 percent of all monetary donations made to the SVdP Conference goes to help needy neighbors. St. Vincent de Paul of King County supports St. Joseph volunteers with professional staff and support including: the Georgetown Food Bank, Case Management, Veterans Support, Thrift Stores and a centralized telephone call center. St. Joseph's school children of all ages and their parents have volunteered in the Georgetown Food Bank. Last spring our school parents stuffed the St. Vinnie's Red Truck with gently used items for resale in our thrift stores. SVdP of Seattle King County has received the Charity Navigator Four Star Award two years in a row---an honor achieved by only 18% of all agencies evaluated.

Please Consider Volunteering with Us ...

We need new faces, new hands, and new hearts to respond and live out the appeal of Pope Francis to help the poor with us.

The group meets twice a month on Monday evenings from 7-8 PM to discuss business and spend time in spiritual reflection, but the home visits are done on your schedule—weekdays, evenings, or weekends.

On Tuesday October 6th we'll host an information session from 6:30-7:00 PM in the Parish Center. You can sign-up for an actual home visit, so that you can experience our ministry in action-helping our neighbors in need!

St. Joseph Parish link to SVdP: www.stjosephparish. org/146/st-vincent-de-paul.html

For more information, contact Conference Volunteer Coordinators Dennis West at west_dennis@comcast.net or (206) 465-3318, or Donna Whitford at donnaw@svdpseattle.org or (206)-819-0071.

To learn more about the St. Vincent de Paul of Seattle/King County, please visit www.svdpseattle.org

