

#### FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 03, 2016

#### **Homily Next Week: Deacon Steve Wodzanowski**

#### Readings for July 10, 2016

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:10-14 SECOND READING: COLOSSIANS 1:15-20 GOSPEL: LUKE 10:25-37

**SUMMER Weekend Mass Schedule** Saturday - 5 pm **Sunday** - 9:30 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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#### The Joy of Love (Amoris Laetitia): A Reading of the Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis **Chapter Six: Some Pastoral Perspectives** (Crises, Worries, & Difficulties)

The life of every family is marked by all kinds of crises, yet these are also part of its dramatic beauty.

-Pope Francis (§ 232)-

While much of Chapter Six of *Amoris Laetitia* has to do with the preparation and support of the recently married, Pope Francis also recognizes the challenges that persist in family life, or which are unique to families as they grow older. Thus, for the last third of this chapter, he takes up some of those issues, with the same sense of pastoral care and encouragement found in the earlier sections. Rarely, throughout this exhortation, is Francis proscriptive or judgmental, choosing instead to describe with compassion the various challenging situations of families, while offering advice and support for their resolution. What might be called Francis' "Principle of Pastoral Accompaniment," found throughout Amoris Laetitia, is particularly noticeable in this Chapter, as he examines the challenges of marriage, the anguish of divorce, and the consequences of remarriage—at each point considering not the failure of the parties involved, but their need for love and healing through the ministry of the Church and her ministers. So central is this theme of accompaniment that it has led some traditionalist cardinals and others to condemn the exhortation, claiming that it weakens the Church's teaching on the indissolubility of marriage and on the reception of the Eucharist. Yet, for Francis, accompaniment is the necessary posture of the pastoral Church: an incarnational approach that avoids idealized pronouncements, which have so little to do with real life.

Francis begins this section of Chapter Six with a significant reflection on crisis itself, noting that "some crises are typical of almost every marriage" (§ 235). Whether it is the newly married trying to "learn how to accept their differences and disengage from their parents" (§ 235), or those married for some years negotiating the challenges of children or the shock of the empty nest; whether rooted in financial or work problems, or in the problems that arise from differing spiritual journeys or "unexpected situations" (§ 236), families meet each other in crisis, and need to learn how to find their way through together. For Francis, when a crisis in marriage is shared between the couple it can become "an apprenticeship in growing together or learning a little more about what it means to be married" (§ 232). Yet, too often, couples distance themselves from one another during times of crisis, retreating into patterns of silence, so as to avoid saying the wrong thing or something they may regret, fearing that the other may not listen or presuming that what they will say is already known. In such a context, "Little by little, the 'person I love' slowly becomes 'my mate', then just 'the father or mother of my children', and finally a stranger" (§ 233)

As a ministry of mercy and reconciliation, the Church, especially in the parish, should be a resource for couples in these times of crisis and broken communication: "Spouses need help in discovering their deepest thoughts and feelings and expressing them. Like childbirth, this is a painful process that brings forth a new treasure" (§ 234). Yet, as Francis points out, most people do not go to the Church, "since they do not find it sympathetic, realistic, or concerned for individual cases" (§ 234). Although professing the importance of family life, the Church's ministers and structures have often failed to respond to the real needs of women

and men in families, retreating into a kind of silence where the only words come from books of doctrine or from the Catechism. What is needed, however, is real accompaniment and human compassion, through which we "create opportunities for speaking heart to heart" (§ 234). The Church—including more experienced friends and family of a couple—needs to support couples at every stage of their life journey together, helping them learn the "arduous art of reconciliation" (§ 236) and offering opportunities for the grace of marriage to deepen for them in their life together.

Yet, even in cases where parishes provide "a ministry to care for those whose marital relationship has broken down" (§ 238), Amoris Laetitia notes that problems of psychological immaturity and emotional scarring can cause deep, and sometimes irreconcilable, harm in marriage: "An unhappy childhood or adolescence can breed personal crises that affect one's marriage. Were everyone mature and normal, crises would be less frequent or less painful" (§ 239). The deep harm of psychological or physical damage in childhood, which can leave people emotionally stunted or trapped in childish or adolescent notions of love can be difficult to overcome; and the tragic experience of many people who "leave childhood without ever having felt unconditional love" (§ 240) creates a lack of trust which, even through therapy, may be hard to overcome. And while grace and work make overcoming these obstacles possible, they also make marriage more difficult and, at times, can lead to dissolution.

In taking up the issue of divorce, Francis shows his hand quickly, beginning not with condemnation, but with affirmation: "In some cases, respect for one's own dignity and the good of the children requires not giving in to excessive demands or preventing a grave injustice, violence, or chronic ill treatment" (§ 241). Though accepting that "Divorce is an evil and the increasing number of divorces is very troubling" (§ 246), Francis first proclaims that separation and divorce may be "morally necessary" (§ 241), even though it may be a last resort. This pastoral stance, in support especially of "those who have unjustly endured separation, divorce, or abandonment, or those who have been forced by maltreatment from a husband or a wife to interrupt their life together" (§ 242), provides the context for all that Amoris Laetitia comes to say about the treatment of divorced Catholics, and about those who have subsequently remarried. Divorced Catholics are fully members of the Catholic community, and should be accompanied with support and love—especially if they face the financial challenges that often accompany divorce or separation. They and their children should be "encouraged to find in the Eucharist the nourishment they need to sustain them in their present state of life" (§ 242).

As for divorced and remarried Catholics, Francis again begins with an affirmation, rather than a condemnation: "It is important that the divorced who have entered a new union should be made to feel part of the Church. 'They are not excommunicated' and they should not be treated as such, since they remain part of the ecclesial community" (§ 243). Though it does not change the dogmatic teaching of the Church, this brief statement, put at the very beginning of the discussion

of divorced and remarried Catholics, creates a significant pastoral change—one that gives added weight to the Pope's further note regarding "careful discernment and respectful accompaniment" (§ 243). If those who are civilly remarried are not excommunicated, then how might they be properly accompanied within the context of a sacramental community? This question, taken up again in Chapter Eight, is intended to press the bishops to deal more efficiently and sensitively with the process of annulment, and to change the perspective of all the faithful from that of defending an ideal to one of accompanying persons.

Though Chapter Six covers a number of other pastoral situations in its final paragraphs—including how to ensure the good of children in divorce, and what considerations should be made in mixed marriages—few passages have been as controversial as the two paragraphs that deal with same-sex relationships (§ 250-251). While avoiding the traditional language of condemnation—i.e., the notion that homosexual acts are "intrinsically disordered"—and noting that the pastoral responsibility of the Church is to support the conscience of "those who manifest a homosexual orientation," so that they can "fully carry out God's will in their lives" (§ 251), Francis seems more deferential in these paragraphs than in other places, e.g., using the plural "we" as opposed to the personal "1" when discussing the conclusions of the Synod. Likewise, in differentiating same-sex unions from sacramental marriages, Amoris Laetitia employs what, for many, seems an unusually harsh tone, lacking the sense of accompaniment otherwise used throughout this chapter: "[T] here are absolutely no grounds for considering homosexual unions to be in any way similar or even remotely analogous to God's plan for marriage and family" (§ 251). The inclusion of "absolutely", "in any way", and "even remotely", all add unnecessary emphasis, which seems inconsistent with a text that otherwise offers many passages equally applicable to all kinds of couples. In part, this vehemence may come from worries over international pressure that would punish poor countries who have not adopted same-sex marriage laws; though, even acknowledging that political purpose, these paragraphs seem quite different in tone from what surrounds them.

Finally, at the end of this chapter, as in the end for all families, Francis reflects upon the power of death and the challenge it offers. Returning to the first-person voice of the pastor, Francis says that "I can understand the anguish felt by those who have lost a much-loved person, a spouse with whom they have shared so much" (§ 253), and calls the Church to embrace the grieving family, both for the sake of mercy and as a pastoral opportunity (§ 254). Yet, at the same time, Francis affirms again the goodness of life, and calls the grieving back to it: "Our loved ones have no need of our suffering, nor does it flatter them that we should ruin our lives" (§ 255). Love, incarnate and eternal, does not end with death. We, who are made for resurrection can believe that, and so honor the dead by living well the love that they have offered us in this life.

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**Prelude** 

God.

Instrumental (5:30) Come with Me into the Fields



Lee

Isaiah 66:10-14c

**First Reading** 

Thus says the LORD:

Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad because of her, all you who love her; exult, exult with her,

all you who were mourning over her! Oh, that you may suck fully of the milk of her comfort, that you may nurse with delight at her abundant breasts!



For thus says the LORD:

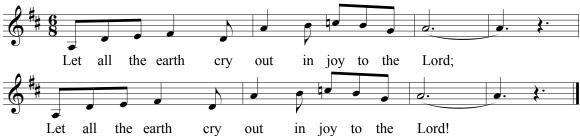
Lo, I will spread prosperity over Jerusalem like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing torrent. As nurslings, you shall be carried in her arms, and fondled in her lap; as a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you; in Jerusalem you shall find your comfort.

When you see this, your heart shall rejoice and your bodies flourish like the grass; the LORD's power shall be known to his servants.

**Responsorial Psalm** 

Psalm 66

Haugen



**Second Reading** 

Brothers and sisters: May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither does circumcision mean anything, nor does uncircumcision, but only a new creation. Peace and mercy be to all who follow this rule and to the Israel of God.

Galatians 6:14-18

From now on, let no one make troubles for me; for I bear the marks of Jesus on my body.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

**Gospel Acclamation** 

Murray



Gospel

Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

At that time the Lord appointed seventy-two others whom he sent ahead of him in pairs to every town and place he intended to visit. He said to them, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest. Go on your way; behold, I am sending you like lambs among wolves. Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals; and greet no one along the way. Into whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this household.' If a peaceful person lives there, your peace will rest on him; but if not, it will return to you. Stay in the same house and eat and drink what is offered to you, for the laborer deserves his payment. Do not move about from one house to another. Whatever town you enter and they welcome you, eat what is set before you, cure the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom

of God is at hand for you.' Whatever town you enter and they do not receive you, go out into the streets and say, 'The dust of your town that clings to our feet, even that we shake off against you.' Yet know this: the kingdom of God is at hand. I tell you, it will be more tolerable for Sodom on that day than for that town."

The seventy-two returned rejoicing, and said, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us because of your name." Jesus said, "I have observed Satan fall like lightning from the sky. Behold, I have given you the power to 'tread upon serpents' and scorpions and upon the full force of the enemy and nothing will harm you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice because the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice because your names are written in heaven."



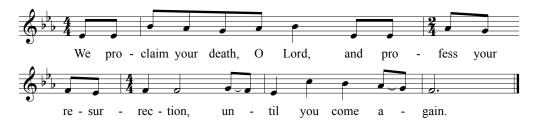
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#### **Mystery of Faith**

Janco



#### **Great Amen**

Janco



#### All Are Invited To Come Forward

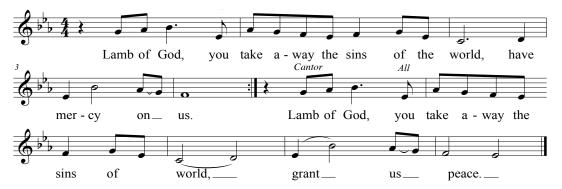
During communion, we invite all to come forward. If you do not ordinarily receive Eucharist, or choose not to, come for a blessing, indicating your desire by putting your hand on your heart.

If you have a gluten allergy, & need of a gluten free host, please come to the  $$\operatorname{\textbf{Presider}}$$  & indicate this.



#### **Lamb of God**

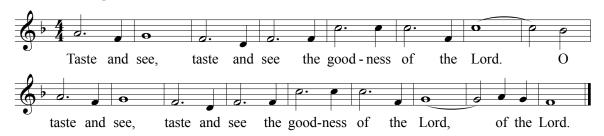
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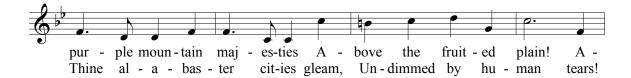
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#### Taste and See

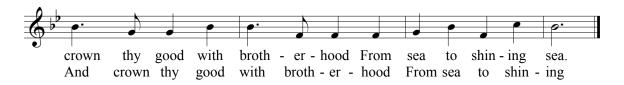
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#### **Communion Prayer**

#### Live Mercy

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful, as the heavenly Father is merciful. Help us to live mercy every day of our lives, through the compassion we show to your beloved ones: to the migrant and the refugee, to the homeless and the wounded, to those forgotten by this world, but remembered always in your love. May the mercy we receive bear fruit in us, nourishing us with joy and bringing us communion with you. May it allow us to become the sacrament of mercy, the Church, who consecrates the world to you, who live and reign with the Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

#### Recessional

(5 & 9:30) Instrumental (5:30) America the Beautiful (see above)



# THIS WEEK AT ST. JOSEPH



9:30 AM Mass

10:30 AM Coffee & Donuts - Join us!

5:30 PM Mass

**Monday** 

7:00 AM Daily Mass Parish Center is Closed

**Tuesday** 

7:00 AM Daily Mass

7:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:00 PM

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

Wednesday

7:00 AM Daily Mass 7:00 PM **IRS** Presentation

**Thursday** 

7:00 AM Daily Mass

7:00 PM Forum on Homelessness

**Friday** 

7:00 AM Daily Mass

Saturday

8:00 AM Centering Prayer Group 3:30 PM Weekly Reconciliation

5:00 PM Vigil Mass



# LITURGY AND WORSHIP



Prayer St. Joseph Community extends its prayers 1 100 and hopes for the following intentions: God Bless America on our 240th celebration of Independence . . . For Michael's health . . . For Kathryn on her trip to Morocco . . . Happy 70th birthday to Uncle

Larry . . . For Michelle as she looks for a house near St. Joseph.

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

#### Sacred Silence

A time for silent prayer and peace.!

The Sacred Silence prayer group gathers on Monday nights at 7 pm in the Church for an hour of silent prayer. Next gathering is Monday, July 11th. Newcomers always welcome! Open to all types of prayer practice.

For information on Sacred Silence and silent prayer contact Jim Hoover at sacredsilence@stjosephparish.org or 206-286-0313.

# **Pray With Us For The Children Being Baptized This Weekend**

Beatrice Anne Trojovsky

Lyla Quinn Johanson

Peter Daniel Baisch

Alexander Santiago Moore

Beau Stephen Stafford



#### **Parish Holy Hour**

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

All are welcome!

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

-Mother Teresa of Calcutta



# FAITH JUSTICE

# Faith Justice Commission

St. Joseph's Faith Justice Commission is seeking new members. The Faith Justice Commission builds a community of gospel, love and care at St. Joseph by sharing information and promoting opportunities for parishioners to engage in direct service with those in need, assisting in those events or programs that build greater companionship with the poor or marginalized, and developing collaborative avenues of advocacy to transform structures of poverty and displacement. We meet on five Monday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the Parish Center. Meeting dates are: Sept. 26, Nov. 21, Jan. 23, March 20, and May 15. Ministries we currently oversee include St. Martin de Porres Shelter, Francis House and our Sister Parish in El Salvador to name a few. We also coordinate the Alternative Christmas Bazaar, Giving Tree, Epiphany Dinner and We are St. Joseph Service Days. If interested, please contact Deacon Steve at stevew@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1646. We are looking for 3-5 new members who can commit to either a 1, 2 or 3 year term.

# **Tent City 3 Happenings!**

St. Joseph welcomes Tent City 3. They will be our guests until August 27th. Stop by and say hello!

Forum on Homelessness: Get to know our new friends living in Tent City, Thursday July 7th, 7:00 – 9:00 pm, Parish Center. Residents will share their stories and answer questions on how they came to live at Tent City and the challenges of being homeless. We need volunteers to bring a fruit or dessert pie to share and others to bring ice cream/whipped cream. All are welcome. Bring the kids. Invite the neighbors. For details contact Deacon Steve at stevew@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1646.

If you would like to make a contribution towards hosting Tent City, please make your check payable to St. Joseph Church/Tent City. If you want to help Tent City 3 directly please go to their website http://www.share-wheel.org/tent-city-3 and scroll down to see their wish list. If you have other resources such as legal, medical etc. that you would like to offer TC3 while they are here, please contact tc3@sharewheel.com Feel free to contact Lisa Floyd Greatorex at lisagtx@gmail.com or Megan Wellings at megan.wellings@gmail.com if you have any questions about this event or would like to sign up to volunteer.



# JESUIT SEATTLE

# Come Learn about JV EnCorps!

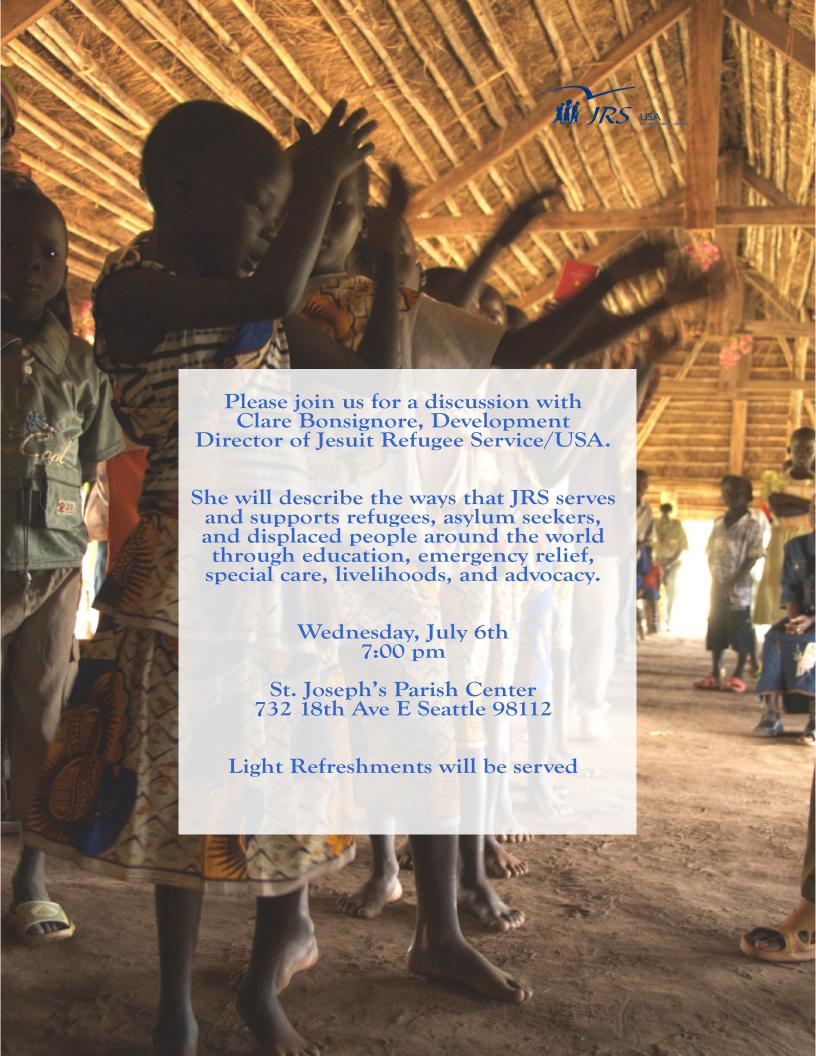
Interested in intentional service? Join us **Sunday**, **July 10th**, during the coffee hour after 9:30 am Mass. Jesuit Volunteer EnCorps (JV EnCorps), a program of JVC Northwest, facilitates transformative opportunities for intentional service, community and spiritual formation for older adults committed to social and ecological justice. During their ten months of part-time volunteer service, participants age 50 and older, meet regularly in community to deepen their spirituality and explore the values of simple living and social & ecological justice. **Priority application deadline: August 15th.** For more information, call 206-305-8911, email JVESeattle@jvcnorthwest.org, or visit http://jvencorps.org to apply.



#### **SEEL**

SEEL Retreat Invites you to Encounter God Encountering You! The Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life (SEEL) is a 9 month retreat format of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, with a retreat community at St. Joseph in Seattle. The SEEL retreat goes from September through May and is a powerful, life-changing program of prayer and spiritual direction that can be done by busy people in the midst of their daily lives. SEEL is accepting applications now for the retreat starting in September of 2016. Learn more at our website at www.seelpugetsound.org or join us after the 9:30am and 5:30pm Masses on Sunday July 17th for a brief info session or by calling or call Lisa Dennison (Executive Director) at 206-721-3518.

SEEL was one of the most profound spiritual experiences I've had in my life. I highly recommend it to anyone who is searching spiritually and questioning their relationship with God. Personally, I received the grace of knowing God loves me fully, deeply, wholly, just as I am right now. I know now, that He delights in whatever delights me. And this has changed everything. ~ Erin Kittleman, Parishioner



# Parish Life



**Tuesday, July 12-** Join Deacon Steve on the parish bus and enjoy a day trip to Friday Harbor in the San Juan Islands. Meet at St. Joseph at 9am and return by 6:30pm. Cost is \$6.00 Senior Ferry and BYOB lunch. Enjoy a beautiful day on the water or playing rummikub on the boat then spend two hours exploring Friday Harbor. Sign-up by calling Renee at Parish Center at 206-324-2522. Space is limited to 14 participants.

**Friday, August 5**- Healing Mass at 11:30. There will be no luncheon.

### **Couples Summer Boat Cruise**

**Friday, July 29th** Board 7pm, Lake Union Public Pier Setting Sail, 7:30pm, and Returning to Port, 10:30pm

Join us on the "My Girl" Charter Boat for a wonderful sunset cruise with your sweetheart! We had a great



time on this same boat 12 years ago! Dancing, water and hearty snacks are included. Bring your favorite beverage (beer, wine or soda). Maximum # of passengers is 50. Lake Union Pier is near MOHAI. For reservations please email

Deacon Steve at stevew@stjosephparish.org

#### **Parish Life Commission**

St. Joseph's Parish Life Commission is seeking new members. The Parish Life Commission strengthens the community of St. Joseph Parish by welcoming new members into the Parish, making current members feel welcomed through celebrations and social opportunities, and building and uniting various communities of life. We meet on five Monday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the Parish Center. **Meeting dates are: Sept. 19, Nov. 14, Jan. 9, March 6 and May 8.** Ministries we currently oversee include Newcomers, LGBTQ, Young Adults, Seniors, Men's and Women's ministry, parish picnic, Ceili and We Are St. Joseph celebration. If interested please contact Deacon Steve at stevew@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1646. We are looking for 3-5 new members who can commit to either a 1, 2 or 3 year term.

# Young Adult (21-35) Ministry YA Taize Prayer Service

On Wednesday, July 13th, from 7:30-8:30 pm join us in the church for for an evening of prayer and worship where we will incorporate the musical tradition of Taizé prayer into adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Taizé prayer consists of a series of repetitive melodies and chants interspersed with reflection and a period of contemplative silence. Brother Roger, the founder of the Taizé community in France, says of the meditative prayer: "Nothing is more conducive to a communion with the living God than a meditative common prayer with, as its high point, singing that never ends and that continues in the silence of one's heart when one is alone again." All are welcome. We hope to see you there! For more information, contact Youngadultcommunity@stjosephparish.org or Deacon Steve at 206-965-1646.

# St. Vincent de Paul Summer Service Project

**Satuday, July 9th** from 8am-1pm 575 Rainier Ave N, Renton 98057

Come join other young adults and support St Vincent de Paul (SVdP). The SVdP Renton store recently acquired a parking lot heavily overgrown with weeds and vegetation. They will take as many volunteers as we can provide. This will be a physically intensive volunteer event. Activities will include pulling weeds, weed whacking, clearing brush, getting dirty, sweating, etc. The Renton store will provide all the necessary tools/equipment, plus a FREE LUNCH. It's recommended you bring your own set of work gloves, eye protection, etc., in the event their stock runs out. Questions? Contact Patrick Mireur at pmireur@gmail.com or 510-388-6657.

#### **Young Adults BBQ**

**Sunday, July 10th** 6:30pm (following the 5:30 PM mass). Join us for food, drinks, and lawn games in of the parish center—All young adults (21-35) are welcome especially those new to St. Joseph. Suggested donation is \$10.00.

### **Men's Ministry Summer Hike**

SILVER PEAK - **Sunday July 24th** - Carpool from St. Joseph at 7:30 am, return by 6:00 pm Maximum 12 Guys - Email Deacon Steve at stevew@stjosephparish.org to RSVP. Our hike leaders are Stuart Rowe, Bill Fleming and John Briggs. Go to http://www.wta.org/go-hiking/hikes/silver-peak for details about the hike.

# FAITH FORMATION

# Children's Faith Formation 2016-2017

The CFF program continues to flourish with the participation of so many children and youth in grades Pre-K thru Junior High. This is a program that takes many hands and hearts to provide strong and consistent faith formation for our youngest parishioners. To volunteer, please contact Dottie at dfarewell@stjosephparish.org

# **Course Offerings**

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

Children's Faith Formation Pre-Kindergarten (CFF Pre-K): During the 9am Mass for children \*3 1/2-5 years old. This is a hands-on, Montessori-style class for our young ones. \*Your child should be out of diapers and able to follow simple directions, such as those given in a pre-school setting. The annual fee is \$30 and scholarships are available.

Children's Faith Formation K (CFF K): During the 9am Mass for children currently enrolled in Kindergarten (private, public, home, or parish school) beginning in the fall. Classes consist of scripture stories, arts & crafts, songs, and either outside or gym playtime. Pickup is in the old gym across from the Social Hall. The annual fee is \$30 and scholarships are available.

**Children's Faith Formation 1** (CFF 1): The first of a two year Sacramental Preparation program for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. Participation and completion of CFF 1 (or equivalent) is required before the second year, during which your child would receive these sacraments. This includes children in our parish school, public school, other private school or home school. The annual fee is \$60 and scholarships are available.

Children's Faith Formation 2 (CFF 2): ALL children planning to receive First Reconciliation and First Eucharist this upcoming school year must have completed the CFF 1 class (or equivalent) last year whether you attend our parish school, public school, other private school or home school. There is a \$100 annual fee and scholarships are available.

To sign up today, visit our homepage: www.stjosephparish.org

Children's Faith Formation Year 3 & 4 (CFF 3/4): This class is for children to reflect, learn, and continue to practice their faith through the Sacraments. We will continue to use arts, scripture studies, and community building activities to strengthen our faith and knowledge of the Church. Children participate in a Spring Passion Play during Lent. The annual fee is \$30 and scholarships are available.

Children's Faith Formation Year 5 & 6 (CFF 5/6): This class for youth in 5th & 6th grades focuses on the liturgy, Church teachings and growing faith through prayer. Children participate in a Spring Passion Play during Lent with the CFF 3/4 class. The annual fee is \$30 and scholarships are available.

**Children's Faith Formation Year Junior High:** This class is a 3-year Bible study for youth in 7th, 8th, & 9th grades. The annual fee is \$30 for each of the classes PLUS \$25 for materials (Bible & workbook). Scholarships are available.

High School Confirmation: Youth must be at least 16 years old by the Confirmation Mass date (late January/early February), already received the Sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist, and continued in ongoing faith formation through parish programs or Catholic High School. Students are actively seeking the Sacrament of Confirmation and are participating members in their parish and personal faith life. The annual fee is \$135 and scholarships are available.

**Employment Opportunity! Job opening in St. Joseph Faith Formation Office: www.stjosephparish.org** 

# **OUR COMMUNITY**



# **Annual Catholic Appeal:** A Gift that Keeps Giving

THANK YOU to those who have contributed to the 2016 Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA). The ACA gives St. Joseph Parish an opportunity to support the work of the wider church in Western Washington—the education of seminarians, support of retired priests and women religious, the work of Catholic Community Services, multicultural ministries, and so much more.

Through this one gift, each of us and all of us embrace those whom the rest of the world so often overlooks. This year, the St. Joseph Parish assessment for the ACA is \$148,436. A significant amount, reflective of the generosity already shown in this Parish. While it is important to note that if we do not raise this amount through the ACA campaign we must make up the difference through our ordinary income, our hope is that this community will show itself ready to help both the local and the larger Church. Our witness, so important to Catholics throughout this region, relies upon each person's willingness to act as part of this community.

Annual Catholic Appeal - WEEK 10

St. Joseph Parish ACA Assessment.....\$148,436

Raised to Date.....\$ 115,639

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

To all of you who have given to the ACA in the past, and today, THANK YOU for your generosity!



