We are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses...
Recalling the Flame

Where has this cold come from?
“It comes from the death of your friend.”
Will I always, from now on, be this cold?
“No, it will diminish. But always
it will be with you.”
What is the reason for it?
“Wasn’t your friendship always as beautiful
as a flame?”

-Mary Oliver-

In a month when I recall the anniversary of my best friend’s death, in a week when funerals—planned or celebrated—occupy much of my work in the parish, I am sitting in my office in the early morning, reading Mary Oliver. It is not a particularly unusual event: I often try to start my day, after morning mass, with a bit of quiet and some prayer. And Mary Oliver always quiets my soul, drawing me back to lakes and forests, and to those simple, particular graces that signal the presence of God. But today, it is a new book of hers, one I have not read before, and as I leaf through its pages, trying to find something that speaks to where my spirit is—or helps me find my spirit—I stumble upon this poem, and lean back, caught in the imagery, taken up into the dialogue, aware that in this existence of grief and gift, I am not alone. We are not alone.

The sense of grief that comes with death can seem profoundly isolating. Even though I know, intellectually, that many others have suffered loss, many others have sat where I sit and watched what I watch, I feel that there is something unique about my loss, precisely because it is mine. I cannot imagine, cannot make myself imagine, that anyone has ever felt like this, ever gone through this, in quite the same way. As with love, which can only be expressed in analogies, my grief is a mystery whose fullness I cannot share, or even fully fathom. It is unique and incomparable, And though I might be grateful to others for their compassion and kindness, and even acknowledge their sense of loss, in my grief, I feel utterly alone.

In such times of mourning, the mission of the Church is not to explain away a person’s grief—not to argue that it is all “God’s will” or that we will all be happy in heaven—nor is it to deny the uniqueness of a mourner’s experience, by claiming that “everyone feels that” or even, “I know what your going through.” For in the Incarnation, God consecrates our particularity through the particularity of Jesus, showing that all suffering is, paradoxically, both common and unique. Though all may experience something we name “grief,” grief itself exists only in particular persons, and is as individual as is each one of us. Thus, the role of the Church is not to muffle beneath platitudes and generalities the unique grief of the one who mourns, but, rather, to stand at her side as she encounters the mystery of death. To offer her not answers nor explanations but analogies, so that she might find her own way back to the world of relationship and communion. Like a poet, the Church
holds open the door to healing by providing symbols and analogies which speak to the human heart; which affirm the mystery of death, and the mystery of continuing relationship. Through sacrament and ritual, through all those actions of remembrance and hope that make up the funeral liturgy and interment, the Church seeks to provide not an answer, but a support, upon which a mourner can lean, and a container, in which she can begin to hold the weight she now receives.

While no ritual can (or should) eliminate the unique experience of loss and emptiness which one experiences in the death of a beloved friend, the memory of Jesus, reenacted and constantly remembered in the Eucharist, offers an analogy which opens the mystery to us, and in which we can place our hope. For just as we believe that our remembrance of Christ becomes communion with Christ through the action of the Eucharist, so too can we hope that our remembrance of our beloved may become communion with our beloved in the mystery of God’s resurrecting love. Yet, this is a matter of hope and not answer, of promise and not realization; for even as the Eucharist leaves room for the sorrow of the world, until the fullness of God’s reign is realized, so, too, does the funeral Mass leave room for the genuine sorrow of each mourner, until the fullness of reunion comes to pass. No matter how deep one’s faith in the resurrection, this emptiness remains in each person who mourns—uniquely his or her own—and each person must live with it, as a gift and a burden; for though the emptiness is painful, to lose it is to lose connection to the beloved. Or, in the imagery offered by Mary Oliver: we must experience this cold to recall that unique fire kindled by the presence of our friend.

So, let us recall those good and gentle women and men, whose fires have warmed our hearts and warmed the souls of others we may not know. We stand together now, each one feeling the chill in her own way, each one holding on in his own heart, bundled for the cold by memory and grace.

The Feast of the Assumption will be celebrated at the 7am Mass, in the Parish Center, on Monday, August 15th.

Connecting with St. Joseph - WELCOME!

All are welcome at the table!

New? Visiting? Interested? Are you visiting for the first time? Interested in knowing more about the ministries and activities at St. Joseph Parish? Please join our weekly e-news blast at www.stjosephparish.org and click on the “Sign up for our eNewsletter” link in the upper right corner of the homepage. Thank you!

Register! Are you a Catholic attending Mass at St. Joseph Parish, yet haven’t officially registered? Join us!

Why register? St. Joseph Church is a vibrant parish offering many avenues for ministry, connecting with other parishioners and spiritual development. We’d love to get to know you, connect with you, and inform you of our various activities, groups and events going on at the church. Please pick up a registration form in the back of the church or go online to register at www.stjosephparish.org and click on the “Join Our Parish” link. We look forward to connecting with you. Thank you!
Entrance Songs

Instrumental

Prelude
(5:30) Shepherd of My Heart

Haugen

O’Brien

Twentieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Send Down the Fire

Send down the fire of your justice,

Send down the rains of your love;

Come, send down the Spirit, breathe life in your people, and we shall be people of God.

Verses

1. Call us to be your compassion,

2. Call us to learn of your mercy,

3. Call us to witness your Kingdom,

Teach us the song of your love;

Teach us the way of your peace;

Give us the presence of Christ;

Give us the hearts that sing, give us deeds that ring,

Give us the hearts that feel, give us hands that ring,

Holy light keep us shining bright, make us ring with the song of your love.

May your hearts that heal, make us hands that heal,

Make us shine with the presence of Christ.

D.C.
First Reading
Jeremiah 38:4-6,8-10

In those days, the princes said to the king: “Jeremiah ought to be put to death; he is demoralizing the soldiers who are left in this city, and all the people, by speaking such things to them; he is not interested in the welfare of our people, but in their ruin.” King Zedekiah answered: “He is in your power”; for the king could do nothing with them. And so they took Jeremiah and threw him into the cistern of Prince Malchiah, which was in the quarters of the guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the cistern, only mud, and Jeremiah sank into the mud.

Ebed-melech, a court official, went there from the palace and said to him: “My lord king, these men have been at fault in all they have done to the prophet Jeremiah, casting him into the cistern. He will die of famine on the spot, for there is no more food in the city.” Then the king ordered Ebed-melech the Cushite to take three men along with him, and draw the prophet Jeremiah out of the cistern before he should die.

Brothers and sisters: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith. For the sake of the joy that lay before him he endured the cross, despising its shame, and has taken his seat at the right of the throne of God. Consider how he endured such opposition from sinners, in order that you may not grow weary and lose heart. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood.

Gospel
Luke 12:49-53

Jesus said to his disciples: “I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing! There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three; a father will be divided against his son and a son against his father, a mother against her daughter and a daughter against her mother, a mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.”
Only This I Want

Offertory Song

Fr. Julian Climaco, S.J.

Schutte

Holy, Holy, Holy

Mass of Wisdom

Janco

Mystery of Faith

Janco

Lamb of God

Janco

Homily

On-D-C.
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.

Communion Song (5,9:30) Unless A Grain of Wheat  

Haugen

We Will Rise Again  

Haas

Verse 1

1. Like a shepherd I will feed you; I will gather you with care. I will lead you and hold you close to my heart.

Refrain

We will run and not grow weary, for our God will be our strength, and we will fly like the eagle, we will rise again.

Verse 2

2. I am strength to the weary; to the weak I am new life. Though the young may grow weary, I will be their hope.

Verse 3

3. Lift up your eyes, and see who made the stars. I lead you, and I know you, I call you each by name.

Verse 4

4. Fear not, I am with you; I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; uphold you with my hand.

Verse 5

5. We will rise again.
Communion Prayer

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.
This Week At St. Joseph

Sunday
9:30 AM Mass
10:30 AM Coffee & Donuts - Join us!
12-5:00PM Parish Directory Photo Appointments
5:30 PM Mass

Monday
7:00 AM Daily Mass
7:00 AM Yoga - Body in Prayer
7:00 PM Holy Rosary Group
7:00 PM Sacred Silence
7:00 PM St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

Tuesday
7:00 AM Daily Mass

Wednesday
7:00 AM Daily Mass
7:00 AM Yoga - Body in Prayer

Thursday
7:00 AM Daily Mass

Friday
7:00 AM Daily Mass

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

We Are St. Joseph Events Save The Dates!
Sounders Game - September 17th
Parish Picnic - September 25th
Epiphany Dinner - January 8th

Autumn Mass Time Change Starting Sunday, Sept 11
We will return to our regular schedule as follows:
Saturday evening at 5 pm, Sunday at 9:00 & 11:00 am and 5:30 pm. Please join us!

Liturgy and Worship

Prayer Shawl Ministry Weekend
August 13th & 14th
This weekend we invite you to get to know the Prayer Shawl Ministry. Members will be available after mass to meet you and talk about our ministry.

We make shawls and blankets for members of our community who are suffering or in need of a tangible reminder of our love and concern for them. If you knit or crochet we would love to have you join us. If you would like to request a shawl for yourself or someone you know, we will have request forms available at all Masses. If you would like to support our ministry, we happily accept any donations of yarn and we appreciate your prayers. For more information, please email Sheila Prusa at sheilaprusa@msn.com

St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions:
For all those who are imprisoned, tortured and stripped of their human rights; that their suffering ends and that they find healing and strength . . . For Maggie’s eyesight . . . For Gayle’s intentions . . . For Cindy’s wellbeing . . . For Mary’s surgery . . . Happy Birthday to Julia and Katie . . . For those who are mourning the sudden death of loved ones.

“Precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones . . . They will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.”

~Psalm 116:15

Rest in Peace
Nicholas Waltner, husband of Silvia & father of Olivia, Maggie and Alex.
Jerry, sailing partner & friend of Jennifer Olegario.
Janey Montgomery, stepmother of Jeff Montgomery.
Stan Wagner whose funeral is Aug. 17 at St. Joseph.
Faith Justice Film Night

Zero Percent
Thurs, August 25th, 7-9pm
Arrupe Room, St. Joseph Parish Center

Come experience a powerful documentary film about the struggles and successes of an innovative college-in-prison program and discuss how the faith community can help recently-released people in Seattle. The film, Zero Percent, chronicles the life-changing experiences of prisoners and educators in the Mercy College program at Sing-Sing prison in New York state. Film discussion plus introductions to local Seattle prison education organizations and service opportunities will follow.

Pizza and beverages will be provided. Co-sponsored by St. Joseph Faith Justice Commission and Young Adult group. For more information, contact Mark Petterson at petterson.mr@gmail.com or Deacon Steve at stevew@stjosephparish.org

SVdP Council Important Helpline Update!

The St. Vincent de Paul Helpline has a very serious need for volunteers to take calls from neighbors needing assistance. We must reduce Monday and Tuesday wait times—now in the 30-40 minute range. Additional staff will help mitigate this problem.

Our goal is to offer compassionate connections to swiftly refer people to the appropriate SVdP Parish Conference where they can get help. We invite anyone who has an interest in helping those in need over the phone to consider spending a few hours a week serving as a Helpline volunteer.

This is the perfect way to offer service, to give back and to help make a difference in people’s lives. Training and support will be provided. Join us TODAY!

If you are interested please contact Thomas Wagner at (206) 767-9975 Ext 1121 or thomasw@svdpseattle.org

Ethics & Race

Racial Healing Circles: Exploring Race Matters
Presented by The Center for Ethical Leadership
Seattle University, Pigott Hall

On 6 Saturdays from August 2016-January 2017 from 1:00-5:00 PM. The Center is offering a different way of talking about race that is preemptive rather than waiting for the conflict. Its aim is to build strong relationships capable of holding the important healing dialogues we need around race. The Session Themes are:

1. Getting into the Conversation (August 6)
2. Unpacking Racial Identity (September 10)
3. Impacts of Race and Racism (October 1)
4. Understanding Privilege (November 5)
5. Unconscious Bias (December 10)

Cost for full program (6 sessions) is $309, or $59 per each session. For more information contact: Keiko Oze-ki at kozeki@ethicalleadership.org or 206.328.3020.

Register Now for Cabrini Ministry Training

Do you want to learn subtle, yet powerful, techniques for communicating God’s love and mercy to others? Are you ready to be transformed into a person whose service can transform the lives of others? Cabrini Ministry Training invites you to follow the example of St. Frances Cabrini and SHARE MERCY, BE PRESENT, and CHANGE LIVES! We offer a 65-hour full training as well as a 30-hour “Listening Heart” program. One class will meet weekly on Tuesday afternoons at Holy Family in Kirkland beginning October 25th, and another class will meet monthly on Saturdays at St. James Cathedral in Seattle beginning September 17th. For more information, contact info@cabriniministry.org or 206-760-0583 x3.
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 preschool 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.

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.

Pathfinders Youth Group at St. Joseph Parish

Did you know this year begins the 14th year of our middle school youth group? Pathfinders—open to all 6th, 7th, and 8th graders—began with a small group of youth and a handful of adult parishioners back in September 2002 under a newly appointed youth minister. We have seen the group grow and flourish for hundreds of youth over the years, through service, community, and faith-oriented activities. Pathfinders is currently seeking adult volunteers interested in having a positive impact on our middle school youth this 2016-2017 school year. Come be a part of it! Please contact Dottie Farewell at dfarewell@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1652 to learn how you can help with this vibrant ministry.
Parish Life Commission

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. 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.

Senior Support Group

The difficult part of growing old is losing connections—loss of family members, friends, employment and more. St. Joseph’s “Aging Gracefully” Support Group is here to give you a chance to make new friends and be there for each other. We have started our support group and have met some very interesting and talented folks! So, if you’re sitting in your home alone most of the time, come join us! You don’t have to be an expert of any kind. In fact, if you’ve survived life beyond the 70’s you are an expert at living and have much to share with us. We meet on the third Wednesday of each month, this time August 17th, from 11:00am to 12:00 noon. Coffee, tea and light refreshments are served. Call Eleanor McCall at 206-325-4615 or franceschikahisa@me.com for comments or questions.

Senior Support Group

We Are St. Joseph Parish Directory

Show Your Summer Glow!

There is one more weekend in September for you to get your parish photo taken and show your summer glow: September 10 & 11. Check the parish website for sign up times. All photography will take place in the Brebeuf Room (Parish Center Basement). Questions or need help? Contact Jack at JackH@stjosephparish.org

Young Adult (21-35) Ministry

Summer Brunch

New to Seattle? Looking to meet other Catholic Young Adults? Join us for our monthly brunch after 9:30 am Mass on Sunday, August 14th! Contact Amara Siemens at siemens.am@gmail.com to participate.

Summer Social

This month’s YA gathering will be on Sunday August 21st immediately following the 5:30pm Mass. We are meeting up at the Canterbury Ale House located on the SE corner of 15th Ave E and E. Mercer St. (www.thecanterburyalehouse), where we can play shuffleboard, darts and pool. Questions? Email youngadult-community@stjosephparish.org

Summer Yoga Series

Now in the Brebeuf Room (basement of Parish Center) on Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:30 pm through August 31st. A suggested donation is $5 per class. Please provide your own yoga mat and dress in comfortable clothing. A yoga block is recommended but not required. This class is open to anyone who is interested in enjoying an hour of invigorating and relaxing yoga. Contact Kaitlyn O’Leary at kaitlyn.m.oleary@gmail.com with any questions.

Tent City 3

Stories from the Heart

Wednesday, August 17th, at 7pm
Parish Social Hall

The Tent City 3 Writing Group invites you to celebrate the creative work written by our members this summer. TC3 residents, women from WHEEL, and local writers will read aloud from our original stories, poems and personal memoirs that range from funny to sad to inspiring. Join us for a summer night of reverie and revelation!
St. Joseph’s Women’s Ministry
Fall 2016 Retreat

Becoming Who You Are:
Finding Your Own True Path to Holiness

Four women from our community of different generations and backgrounds will share reflections on their journey.

September 23-25, 2016
*Begins at 6pm on Friday and ends at 12pm on Sunday

Palisades Retreat Center
4700 SW Dash Point Road
Federal Way, WA 98023

Space is limited to 35 women.

For questions, or to secure your spot, please email Sheila Marie (smarie49@gmail.com), then mail/drop off this form, along with a check for $250 (made out to St. Joseph Church), to the Parish Center.

Name: ________________________________

Email: ________________________________ Phone #: ________________________________

Any special needs?: ___________________________________________________________

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An anonymous donor has promised to match gifts up to $10,000 for those who make a pledge to the ACA in coming weeks. Any gift helps to reach our goal! Thank you for helping us cross the finish line!

Annual Catholic Appeal:
We Are 91% Toward our Goal--Please Help us Reach 100%

St. Joseph Parish ACA Assessment..................................................$148,436
Raised to Date..................................................................................$ 134,348
Amount Needed.................................................................................. $14,080
Percentage of Parish Families Participating.................................26%

Envelopes are available in the pews. 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!
Welcome Fr. Julian!

You may have noticed a new, smiling face on the St. Joseph campus. Fr. Julian Climaco, S.J., arrived here in early August and is enjoying the quiet of late summer while settling into his new home. Born in the Phillipines, and the eldest of 4 siblings, Fr. Julian emigrated to Los Angeles at the age of 10 with his parents and two sisters. A brother was born later. Fr. Julian was the first in his family to attend college in the U.S. He studied with the Jesuits at Sacred Heart School from K-12. From the age of 6, he knew he loved music and took to the piano. After a semester at Cal State Northridge, he changed his plans and left to study nursing. But he remained involved in music ministry over the course of his 8 years in the nursing profession, which saw him work in cardiac surgery, a first aide emergency responder at Disneyland, and a corporate nurse for an aerospace company. Fr. Julian decided he yearned for something deeper than the medical profession offered and began exploring a vocation to the priesthood and religious life. He was ultimately attracted to the spirituality of the Jesuits, particularly the order's emphasis on finding God in all things and serving those who are most in need, for the greater glory of God.

Fr. Julian joined the California province in August 2004 and took his vows in 2006. He attended Fordham University where he earned a double degree in philosophy and music, and enjoyed the liveliness of New York City. From 2009-12 he began his full-time ministry, teaching choral music and theology at Jesuit High School in Sacramento as part of his formation.

Further study led him to the Jesuit School of Theology at Santa Clara University where he studied from 2012-16. Fr. Julian was ordained in June 2015 before finishing his final year of study.

Fr. Julian is delighted to be back in Seattle, where he spent time in 2005 as a novice at L’Arche Community right here on Capitol Hill. He admits he always was drawn to work in parish ministry and looks forward to sharing in the milestones of our parish family’s life. We are truly blessed to have Fr. Julian here at St. Joseph. Feel free to stop by the Parish Center to welcome him!