The State of the Parish & Cultivating the Seeds of the Future

Mercy is the very foundation of the Church’s life. All of her pastoral activity should be caught up in the tenderness she makes present to believers; nothing in her preaching and in her witness to the world can be lacking in mercy. The Church’s very credibility is seen in how she shows merciful and compassionate love... Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope.

-Pope Francis-

Dear Sisters and Brothers of St. Joseph, Peace of Christ!

As I write these words, on a beautiful fall morning, I am sitting in my office shortly after celebrating 7:00 am Mass with a community drawn both from our own Parish and from all over the region—elders, who helped build St. Joseph, sitting beside parents or singles on their way to work; teachers who come here before the start of school, alongside visitors whose own parish no longer offers daily Mass. Traditionalists and progressives, receiving Eucharist on their tongue or in their hands, they have come to know each other and care for each other around this table. Outside, I can hear the children on their way to St. Joseph School, laughing and shouting to one another, as their parents, sometimes with smaller children in tow, follow behind. As I look out my window, I also see people of all ages slipping into the church to drop off food or milk for St. Martin de Porres, or to find a moment of quiet where they can ask God’s help for an ailing friend or ground themselves before a busy day gets going. The life of our Parish: mercy and compassion, need and hope, gentle support and quiet longing: the everyday mysteries that look so simple, yet are the very infrastructure of grace upon which the Church (i.e., the world) is built.

In my eighth year at St. Joseph, I am still amazed by all that happens here—amazed not just by the numerous programs offered, but by the grace and goodness that undergirds it all. It brings to mind the words of St. Ignatius, who once noted that the Society of Jesus “was not instituted by human means; and it is not through them that it can be preserved and increased, but through the grace of the omnipotent hand of Christ our God and Lord. Therefore, in him alone must be placed the hope that he will preserve and carry forward what he has deigned to begin for his service and praise and for the aid of souls” [812]. As with the Jesuits, so too with St. Joseph, this Jesuit Parish in Seattle. For it is clear to me that the hand of God was in the founding of St. Joseph, and has allowed it to
persevere despite Depression and war, the secular-
ization of society and the changing of the Church;
and that the grace of Christ Jesus continues to be
present here, in the hearts of so many women and
men, whose choice to live this grace is the source of
our increase and our blessings.

Today, St. Joseph is a community of communities,
a meeting place of Seniors and Young Adults, of
Prayer Shawl knitters and LGBTQ Catholics, of St.
Vincent de Paul volunteers and Sister Parish com-
panions. It is a place where our children are edu-
cated to be “People for Others” and where the cred-
ibility of our worship comes from our ability to offer
“merciful and compassionate love” to all women
and men who come to our door. Through the flour-
ishing of our Councils and Commissions, St. Joseph
has become a more engaged and dynamic church,
even as our numbers have continued to increase.
And through the addition of some new and key
positions—including our new Parochial Vicar, our
Assistant Director of Religious Education, and our
Communications Manager—we are becoming bet-
ter able to respond to the needs and aspirations of
our community and our world.

This year, in communion with the Church through-
out the world, we have sought to grow, especially,
as a community of mercy, where the tenderness
of God is everywhere present. Through our prayer
and liturgy, in our outreach and education, in our
way of proceeding and in the commitments of our
hearts, we have sought to throw open the doors of
this community, so as to live in solidarity with those
most often forgotten by the world. Perhaps the great-
est example of this being our welcome to Tent City
3 this summer, when members of all our various
communities stepped up to welcome and embrace
those who came to us and sought our friendship.
Though there is much still to be done—as there al-
ways will be—this year we can be proud of how
we have begun the work of mercy to which Pope
Francis, and the gospels, call us.

Yet, to paraphrase the African proverb: without you
there can be no us. Without your willingness to
share your life and blessings with the community of
St. Joseph, we cannot continue to be the mercy of
Christ that we are called to be. We need you to be-
come a full and active member of this community,
and to commit yourself to these three steps (some of
which you may already have accomplished):

1. **ACTIVATE**: If you have not yet done so, please
register officially as a member of St. Joseph, either
online or by dropping a written form into the col-
lection basket or by the office. this need only be
done once;

2. **AFFIRM**: Each year, please send in a pledge
card, telling us that you choose to be a part of this
community, giving whatever you can—prayer, espe-
cially, and financial support, if you are able;

3. **PARTICIPATE**: Everything at St. Joseph depends
on those who share its life, in whatever way you
can: come to Mass, serve in a ministry, sustain the
poor, learn the faith—proclaim the Gospel in com-
panionship with all.

In the following pages, you will find a snapshot of
how we have used the offerings shared with us for
the Parish’s mission of service and prayer. You will
also find an invitation to be part of this mission.

May God, who makes whatever is given enough for
the whole Church, bless us all in the work we have
yet to fulfill.

Yours in Christ,

John D. Whitney, S.J.

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**This Weekend is Welcoming Sunday.**
Drop by the Welcoming Table
Inside the Vestibule
in the Back of the Church
and Say Hello!

**Trick Or Treat For Jesuits**

Each year thousands, yes thou-
sands of witches, wizards and
some saints visit the Jesuit house
on Halloween night. Help us feed
these hungry souls by dropping off
a bag or two of candy at the Parish
Center on weekdays. Thank you!
(9) Lift Up Your Hearts

O’Connor

Lift up your hearts to the Lord, praise God’s gracious mercy!

Sing out your joy to the Lord, whose love is endur ing.

Verses

1. Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth!
2. Let the earth worship, singing your praise.
3. God’s right hand made a path through the night,

Praise the name above all names! Say to God, “How wondrous your works, how glorious your name!”
Praise the glory of your name! Come and see what God has revealed,
lift up your voice: Our God set us free.

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(5:30) In the Lord I’ll Be Ever Thankful

In the Lord I’ll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God, do not be afraid; lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

Gloria

Storrington Gloria

Haugen

First Reading

2 Kings 5:14-17

Naaman went down and plunged into the Jordan seven times at the word of Elisha, the man of God. His flesh became again like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean of his leprosy.

Naaman returned with his whole retinue to the man of God. On his arrival he stood before Elisha and said, “Now I know that there is no God in all the earth, except in Israel. Please accept a gift from your servant.”

Elisha replied, “As the LORD lives whom I serve, I will not take it;” and despite Naaman’s urging, he still refused. Naaman said: “If you will not accept, please let me, your servant, have two mule-loads of earth, for I will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any other god except to the LORD.”

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 98

All the ends of the earth have seen the power of God;
All the ends of the earth have seen the power of God!

Second Reading

2 Timothy 2:8-13

Beloved: Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David: such is my gospel, for which I am suffering, even to the point of chains, like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore, I bear with everything for the sake of those who are chosen, so that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, together with eternal glory. This saying is trustworthy: If we have died with him we shall also live with him; if we persevere we shall also reign with him. But if we deny him he will deny us. If we are unfaithful he remains faithful, for he cannot deny himself.

Gospel Acclamation

Storrington Alleluia

Haugen

(5:30) Alleluia Chant
Gospel
As Jesus continued his journey to Jerusalem, he traveled through Samaria and Galilee. As he was entering a village, ten lepers met him. They stood at a distance from him and raised their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master! Have pity on us!” And when he saw them, he said, “Go show yourselves to the priests.” As they were going they were cleansed. And one of them, realizing he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice; and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. He was a Samaritan. Jesus said in reply, “Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?” Then he said to him, “Stand up and go; your faith has saved you.”

Homily
Fr. Bob Grimm, S.J.

Offertory Song

Your Hands, O Lord

Trapp/Mozart
Holy, Holy, Holy

Mass of Wisdom

Janco

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna!

Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.

Mystery of Faith

Janco

We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection, until you come again.

Great Amen

Janco

Lamb of God

Janco

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

(9) Taste and See

Eye Has Not Seen #638

Song of Praise

Now Thank We All Our God
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

**Instrumental**

**THIS WEEK AT ST. JOSEPH**

**Sunday**
- 9:00 AM  Mass - Childcare Available
- 10:30 AM  Coffee & Donuts - Join us!
- 11:00 AM  Mass
- 5:30 PM  Mass

**Monday**
- 7:00 AM  Daily Mass
- 7:00 PM  Holy Rosary Group
- 7:00 PM  Sacred Silence
- 7:00 PM  St. Vincent de Paul Meeting
- 7:00 PM  Faith Justice Conversation: Immigration

**Tuesday**
- 7:00 AM  Daily Mass
- 7:00 PM  RCIA

**Wednesday**
- 7:00 AM  Daily Mass
- 6:00 PM  Pathfinders Youth Group
- 7:00 PM  The VOICE Youth Group

**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
- 8:00 PM  Choral Arts Concert

Next Weekend is World Mission Sunday

On **Saturday and Sunday, October 15th & 16th**, we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Its theme this year is “Mercy Changes the World.” Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support the young mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve some of the poorest of the poor. Please keep the Missions in your prayers and be generous in next week’s collection for the Society of the Propagation of the Faith.
Your Gifts & Their Use: The Financials of St. Joseph

I am pleased to present our financials for the fiscal year 2015-2016. In this third year of strengthening our infrastructure, with the generous help of so many in our community, we have made significant investments for the future. In this fiscal year we have:

- Continued to actively reduce the remaining balance due to the school from the Centennial Campaign shortfall. As of June 30, 2016 our remaining balance is $226,111* with a plan in place to eliminate this debt by the end of 2020.
- Managed our finances so that we are in a better position to respond to emerging needs.
- Upgraded security in the Parish Center by replacing main doors and re-keying the entire building.
- Planned and allocated funds to repaint the Parish Center public spaces and re-floor the basement.
- Installed glass in the doors of the Jogues Room to ensure better visibility.
- Repaired the big piano in the Church.
- Purchased Church and School emergency preparedness supplies.
- Held three welcome events for new parishioners.
- Designed the new parish app.
- Created the 1st Lunch & Learn session to provide information about planned giving.
- Hosted 1st fundraising event for St. Martin de Porres which raised enough money to purchase a new bus for the shelter.

It was quite a year! We have strengthened our overall financial position and are now able to better plan for future projects such as painting the exterior of the Church.

Let us not forget how we as a community respond to the call for help. We have been able to generously give of our bounty to those in need: St. Martin de Porres, Noel House, Seattle Nativity, St. Francis House, St. Mary’s Food Bank, Mary’s Place, Catholic Relief Services, Jesuit Refugee Services, Catholic Community Services, Shirts Across America, and as always, financial aid for children of St. Joseph parishioners who attend the school.

I am so grateful to serve the St. Joseph community: our many accomplishments and our improved financial position are because of your ongoing support. As we continue to walk together, I encourage you to come to me should you have any questions or comments.

With gratitude,

Rebecca Frisino
Pastoral Assistant for Administration

* In June 2013 it was mutually agreed by the School and Parish that interest would not be accrued and or paid on the remaining balance of the loan.
## THE REVENUE & EXPENSES OF ST. JOSEPH PARISH

### PARISH REVENUE

- **Sunday Collections & Stewardship Gifts**: $1,637,032
- **Remembrances, Devotions & Targeted Fundraisers**: 67,807
- **Net Restricted Donations**: 2,000
- **Business Revenue - facility rental, interest, admin fees, etc.**: 176,123
- **Program Revenue - Adult & Children’s Faith Formation**: 80,403

**TOTAL REVENUE**: $1,963,365

### PARISH EXPENSE

- **Administration - communications, compensation, supplies**: $1,147,689
- **Buildings & Grounds - Church Building, Parish Center**: 237,527
- **School Support**: 204,000
- **Programs - Faith Formation, Education, Community**: 182,922
- **Archdiocesan Assessment - (does not include ACA)**: 121,077

**TOTAL EXPENSES**: $1,893,215

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**Behind The Numbers...**

Beyond the abstractions of these numbers are hundreds of parishioners: donors & volunteers, parents & singles, young families & generational supporters, who create & enliven St. Joseph every day. We are grateful for every person who loves & serves our community.
The Councils & Commissions of St. Joseph Parish
July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016

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† = Rest in Peace
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Rebecca Frisino
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Caprice Sauter
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Pastor

Deacon Steve Wodzanowski
Pastoral Associate

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Lillian Zadra
Primary School Director

Patrick Fennessy
Principal

To contact us, please call (206)324-2522
St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions: For the White Helmets, volunteer rescue workers, who search and save lives under the most dangerous situations in Syria . . . For the intentions of Michael . . . For Alicia as she prepares to move to Ellensburg . . . For the volunteers who are providing dinners for Tent City 3 on Wednesday . . . Gratitude for the members of St. Vincent de Paul who do make a difference in helping others.

"Do not be disheartened by the difficulties you experience."
—John Baptist de La Salle

The Rosary At St. Joseph

St. Joseph parishioners have been praying the Rosary since the church was built. The grace of the prayer to the Holy Mother has lit the journey to Jesus through painful addictions in families, the loss of loved ones and when everything seems darkest. Many Catholics have historically viewed Mary as the person who will defeat evil on earth.

Praying the Rosary can help us face the often harsh realities of life with hope and grace. Many who’ve prayed the Rosary have experienced a sense of peacefulness during challenging times. Pray the Rosary at St. Joseph for the first time or the thousandth. People will help guide those who are just learning. Bring your own Rosary beads, count on your fingers or use a smartphone app such as iRosary.

Everyone is welcome to pray the Rosary, Mondays from 7 to 8 pm in the Parish Center - Loyola Chapel

Parish Life

Seniors On The Go

Tuesday, October 11th - Seniors Planning Meeting at 11:30 am (brown bag lunch) and Movie Matinee at 1:00 pm. We’ll watch Miracles from Heaven.

Thursday, October 13th - Seniors Outing from 10 am - 4 pm. Join us for a visit to Snoqualmie Falls and Casino. We’ll also make a stop at the outlet mall in North Bend! To sign up, contact Renee at rleet@stjosephparish.org or call (206) 324-2522, Ext. 100.

Wednesday, October 19th - Join us for our monthly support group, Aging Gracefully, from 11 am - 12 noon.

Women’s Ministry

All women are welcome to join us for Coffee Connect on Saturday, October 15th, at Tully’s on 19th Ave E from 10 -11 am. Please come sip and socialize. Contact Sheila Marie at smarie49@comcast.net or (206) 251-7035 with any questions.

“Hope & Healing”

A Faith-Sharing Group for Those Experiencing Illness

We invite anyone who has experienced or is currently experiencing a period of extended illness to join us for prayer, exploration, and fellowship. Our next meeting is Tuesday, October 18th, at 7pm in the Parish Center’s Brebeuf Rm. October’s topic is “Dealing with Doubt.” This group will meet monthly; please drop in whenever you are free. Contact Avery Haller at averyhaller@outlook.com or 206-459-1768 if you have questions.

Collection Counters Needed

Help promote the fiscal integrity of the parish and assure confidence within the parish community through our well-controlled collection process. Gifts given during weekend Masses need to be sorted, kept secure, and deposited. This volunteer task requires attention to detail and ability to respect the confidentiality of sensitive parishioner information. Each volunteer will be placed on a team that is rotated on a weekly basis. Join our wonderful group of collection counters! For information, contact Caprice Sauter at bookkeeper@stjosephparish.org or 206.965-1642.
Fall Men’s Retreat
“Nurturing the Sacred and a Little Bit Of Solitude in our Everyday Lives”
October 21-23, 2016
Friday 8pm through Sunday 11am
Join us for our annual St. Joseph Fall Men's retreat at Camp Casey on Whidbey Island. The cost is $150 and includes two nights lodging and four meals. Contact Deacon Steve at stevew@stjosephparish.org or call 206-965-1646 to register.

Men’s Pickup Basketball
Men’s pickup basketball has begun for the fall season on Sunday nights at 7:30 pm in the Wyckoff Gym. All skill levels are invited to join. It is great exercise and will allow you to tune up your shot for the annual Dad's lower school vs. upper school game in the Spring. For more information, contact Bob Duffy at rgduffy@hotmail.com

Tuesday Night Yoga
St. Joseph Tuesday night yoga will begin on October 11th, in the Mother Teresa room of the Parish Center. All are welcome to join for an hour long yoga class accessible to yogis of all levels- beginners encouraged! Class will be held each week from 7 PM to 8 PM. $5 donation recommended. Please bring your own yoga mat. Contact Kaitlyn with questions at Kaitlyn.m.oleary@gmail.com.

Young Adult SVdP Service Project
On Saturday, October 15th, from 10 am-2 pm come join us and support St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP). Our efforts will benefit their North Seattle retail store location at 3555 Aurora Ave N, Seattle 98133. For this indoor project, we will assist store staff with re-organization and general clean up of donated items. SVdP heavily relies on a volunteer workforce, so this is a great way for us to help SVdP better provide for those most in need. This is also a great opportunity to do some fall cleaning and donate some of your stuff that isn't getting used! Lunch will be provided and carpooling organized for those in need of a ride to/from the event. More specific details to come. Questions? Contact Patrick Mireur at pmireur@gmail.com or call (510) 388-6657.

Newcomers Wanted!
Welcome to St. Joseph!
If you are recently registered or a newcomer to the parish, please join us for our NEWCOMERS MEET, GREET & EAT Gathering.
Tuesday, Oct 25th- 6:00 – 8:00 pm - Parish Center
Food and Drink provided!
Come meet the Parish Staff, your fellow new parishioners and learn about how to get involved in the parish. To RSVP please contact Jack Hilovsky at jackh@stjosephparish.org or call 206-965-1653.

LGBTQ Ministry Get Involved!
St. Joseph’s LGBTQ Ministry welcomes members of St. Joseph Parish who are LGBTQ identified individuals, families and allies. If you have been looking for a home and wish to reconnect to the Catholic Church, our hope is to get you involved in the life and ministry of the Parish: through social outings to develop a supportive community, through fellowship and faith sharing, and through exploration of Ignatian Spirituality, education, prayer and service.
For more information, please email lgbt@stjosephparish.org or join us at our monthly planning meeting, the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 6:30 – 8:30 pm in the Xavier Room of the Parish Center. Our next meeting: Tuesday, October 18th.

Great Pumpkin & Corn Maze
Join the LGBTQ Ministry for our Fall Family Friendly Great Pumpkin Patch & Corn Maze event Saturday, October 22nd. This will be a fun opportunity to connect with members of St. Joseph’s community, and welcome newcomers. If you have a family, here’s a chance to make some memories and create some fall traditions. We will be going to Carpinito Pumpkin Patch and Corn Maze in Kent. The cost is $9 for adults, $6 for kids, free admission to the patch. For carpooling please meet us in the St. Joseph’s Parking lot by 12 pm. For more information, please contact Theresa at lgbt@stjosephparish.org.
Voting Like Francis:
Using Discernment to Vote Your Conscience

On Thursday, October 20th, from 7:00-9:00 pm, in the Arrupe Room, step back and take a break from the debates and whirlwind of politics! Let’s get back to the heart of our values and bring an informed conscience to the ballot box this election season. Fr. John Whitney, S.J. will take us through the issues in regards to Catholic Social Teaching in light of the Gospel message and Pope Francis’ pastoral guidance. Fr. John will give us tools of discernment for informed voting this election season. Light refreshment and conversation to follow.

Bible Study: Luke/Acts

Great news!! We have gotten several people to join the Bible Study this fall and we have space for 2-3 more people. This is not an academic bible study, but it will provide historical context to ground you in the reading of scripture. Our approach to this Bible Study is to help you to develop a relationship with the bible through short daily readings, reflection, weekly sharing and discussion of the text assigned.

The Program will begin Tuesday, October 11th, from 7:00 – 9:00 PM in the Parish Center’s Xavier Room and will run for 6 weeks. The text we are using is Threshold Bible Study by Stephen J. Binz. His books contain the Scripture reading, a Commentary on the reading, and a few questions which give you things to consider as you read.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact Theresa Lukasik at theresa1@stjospehparish.org or 206-965-1651.

CYO Basketball--Register Now

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 Thursday, October 13th. 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 by visiting the St. Joseph Basketball page on the school website: www.stjosephsea.org.

Pathfinders 2016

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. For information, please contact Dottie Farewell at dfarewell@stjosephparish.org.

Come and See What the Catholic Faith Has to Offer

Tuesdays - 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
St. Joseph Parish Center

- Are you, your spouse, a friend, or an acquaintance a member of another faith tradition but worship regularly here at St. Joseph?
- Are you experiencing God’s call in your life and seeking Baptism or full communion or Confirmation with the Catholic Church?
- If you are, please consider participating in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. The RCIA is an opportunity to explore with others what the Catholic Church has to offer. It is an opportunity, through a process of discernment and gradual conversion to become a full member of the Catholic Church.

If you are interested, contact Deacon Steve at 965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org

All are welcome on this journey of faith!
Join us for a conversation with Linda Rabben on

Freedom of Movement – a Human Right?

There are more refugees and displaced persons in the world now than at any time since 1946. For many Americans the refugee crisis seems far away, in the Middle East, Africa, Asia, and Europe. Yet we, too, are experiencing a migration crisis. Central Americans flee north from their violent countries, millions of unauthorized workers and their families face the threat of deportation, and politicians struggle to articulate effective immigration, refugee, and asylum policies. University of Washington Press author, human rights activist, and anthropologist Linda Rabben will put this worldwide crisis in historical and political context in this talk.

Monday, October 10, 2016
7:00-9:00pm
St. Joseph · 732 18th Ave E, Seattle

Linda Rabben is associate research professor of anthropology at the University of Maryland.

Dr. Rabben’s discussion will draw from her new book Sanctuary and Asylum: A Social and Political History (University of Washington Press, 2016). The practice of sanctuary – giving refuge to the threatened, vulnerable stranger – may be universal among humans. From primate populations to ancient religious traditions to the modern legal institution of asylum, Rabben explores the long history of sanctuary and analyzes modern asylum policies in North America, Europe, and elsewhere, contrasting them with the role that courageous individuals and organizations have played in offering refuge to survivors of torture, persecution, and discrimination. Rabben gives close attention to the current refugee crisis in Europe and to Central Americans seeking asylum in the United States. This wide-ranging, timely, and carefully documented account draws on Rabben’s experiences as a human rights advocate as well as her training as an anthropologist. Sanctuary and Asylum will help citizens, professionals, and policy makers take informed and compassionate action.

St. Joseph Parish, St. James Cathedral Immigrant Assistance, University Unitarian Church, and the Church Council of Greater Seattle
2016-17 Catholic Heritage Lecture at Seattle University

In honor of the 125th Anniversary of Seattle University, the Institute for Catholic Thought and Culture in partnership with the Center for Jesuit Education invites the community to reflect on what it means to live into our Jesuit Catholic identity, beginning with:

*Foundations for the Future of Jesuit Education*
Stephanie Russell | Keynote
Vice President, AJCU, Mission Integration
October 12, 2016
5:00 pm, Campion Ballroom, Seattle University

This event is free and open to the public. Light hors d’oeuvres will be served beginning at 4:30 pm. Please RSVP at ictc@seattleu.edu.

This lecture is the first in a series which continues on February 21, 2017 and May 8, 2017. For more information, please visit www.seattleu.edu/ictc

People Who Are Grieving Retreat
“A day of blessing to honor the people in our lives who have died”
Saturday, October 29th, 9:00 am-3:00 pm
St. Anne House of Prayer, 1305 First Ave. W., Seattle

The loss of a loved one rends the heart to break. Through honoring a relationship that has changed - but not ended - the bond of love continues. Spend this day in community sharing stories, creating ritual and honoring those who have joined the communion of saints. (Please bring photos and items to be placed on our altar of remembrance.)

Lunch provided, donations gratefully accepted.

Retreat leaders: Jane Fleming, MPM, hospice grief counselor and Tricia Wittmann-Todd, MDiv MSW, Pastoral Minister.

Please share this invitation with others who may appreciate the day. You can email kathy@stanneseattle.org with questions or to register.

Beyond “Us vs. Them”
Ignatian Discernment and Dialogue in Polarized Times
Monday, October 24th, 6:30 pm Social, 7:00 pm Start
St. Joseph Parish Center

This divisive election season has exposed a phenomenon in recent America politics and culture - expanding polarization (e.g. Democrat vs. Republican, left vs. right, and even establishment vs. outsider rhetoric) that seems to have resulted in an increasing “Us Vs. Them” mentality. In this polarized political climate, how are we to move forward with hope into this crucial time before and after the election? Join presenters John McKay (former US Attorney under the Bush administration) and Patty Bowman (former Director of Social Outreach and Advocacy, St. James Cathedral) to explore how the gifts of Ignatian spirituality can help us navigate the tricky waters of politics.

All are welcome, invite friends from “across the aisle.” Please RSVP to andrea@ignatiancenter.org or (206) 329-3824 by Thursday, October 20th. Visit www.ignatiancenter.org for more information. Sponsored by the Ignatian Spirituality Center in Seattle, this is the first episode of *This Ignatian Life*, a new series on Ignatian spirituality.
You are invited to join Fr. Glen Butterworth, S.J.
on a fourteen day tour
“JOURNEY THROUGH THE HOLY LAND & JORDAN”
OCTOBER 8 - 21, 2017

This journey focuses on many of the important places in Jesus’ life from his birth, his preaching and teaching, to the Via Dolorosa ending at Golgotha and his death. Some of the sites and activities included in the tour: Cana, where those who wish, can renew their marriage vows; Nazareth and the Church of the Annunciation; cruise on the Sea of Galilee; renew your Baptism in the Jordan River with Fr. Glen; Bethlehem and the Church of the Nativity; four nights in Jerusalem; pray the Stations of the Cross as we walk the Via Delarosa and visit the Church of the Holy Sepulchre; swim in the Dead Sea; in Jordan visit amazing Petra, a UNESCO World Heritage Site; receive a special blessing in Bethany Beyond the Jordan and so much more, including private masses at some of the churches we will visit.

NOTE: Early Booking Discount ends November 29, 2016

Tour brochures and information available from the Parish Office or Contact parishioners: Hilda or Walt Kicinski at 206-501-4468 or info@vikingcat.com