“Today salvation has come to this house!”
**Of Ghosts and Saints**

The first Halloween that I remember—I must have been about 6—I got to pick out one of those boxed costumes from the drug store; the kind with the plastic window on the top, which let you see the mask. I chose, of course, the scary gorilla, Brutus, complete with gorilla mask and an outfit made from some petroleum product that would surely burst into flames at the merest touch of a match. But this was 1964, and we didn't worry about things like that. All I could think of was all the candy my sister, Elizabeth, and I would get, and how much cooler my Brutus costume was than her clown outfit. So out we went, as we did every Halloween for years to come, with our waxed-paper trash bags (the plastic ones had not yet been invented) and our thirst for candy. And when we came home, dumping our loot on the family room floor, sorting out the “good stuff” from the raisins and other obnoxiously healthy alternatives, we would spend an hour together laughing and trading and making sure our parents didn't notice how much of the candy never made it through the sorting process. Though diabetic—and even at 8 years of age, already burdened by the duty of her life—Elizabeth still helped with the sorting, invariably stealing the candies she liked best and sticking me with the candy corn.

This Monday night, when the madness descends upon Capitol Hill and the hordes of children roam the streets—some running from house to house to increase their “take” and others, coaxed by their parents, coming shyly to their neighbors' doors—I will be thinking about my sister. On that night, I won't be thinking about great political movements or deep theological and sociological truths. I won't be thinking about the transcendence of God or the consubstantiality of the Trinity. No. On that night, I will be thinking about one little girl, dragging her brother around the neighborhood and teaching him how to say “Trick or treat!” And in my memory of that little girl, I will experience God’s love and grace in a new and deeper way, a way that helps me to know God and love God in the smile of every young girl, in the wide-eyed goofiness of every little brother.

Then, the next morning, November 1, I will get up and go to Mass—one of four that day—where I will gather with my sisters and brothers to celebrate the Feast of All Saints.
The great genius of Christianity—and its greatest scandal—is that in a particular human life, God becomes flesh. In a particular human community, God wanders about, speaks, laughs, cries, sleeps, has friendships and feels love, and ultimately dies. And this living and dying—this human experience—is not a mere tool for the efficient communication of a message, nor a means to some deeper truth; rather, this living and dying and rising again is itself the message. What Christianity asserts is what Pope Francis has said so many times: i.e., reality is greater than ideas. And God comes into the world not merely to tell us a good idea, but to be with us, in person, and to love us as only a person can love. For the truth of our salvation is not in the lifeless clarity of abstract ideas, or theologies, or dogmas but in the rough and tumble of human experience—in the flesh and blood, the tears and laughter that make up the deepest of human truths, the fullness of the human story.

This is what the Feast of All Saints calls us to remember: not the wonderful philosophy of Christianity, but its frail and all-too human practitioners. We are called to remember them, and love them not as plaster statues, but as our own brothers and sisters. In this feast, we recall that redemption comes to us not through an abstract and transcendent “Absolute Being,” but through a boy who grew up, filled with a powerful love; a boy who became a man, and was moved by a Spirit that gave him the courage to lay down his life for his friends. This Spirit he then passed on, by sharing his body and blood with us who remember his life, so that we—you and I, our particular sisters and brothers, that guy selling Real Change at QFC and that woman who stays up all night making her daughter’s R2-D2 costume—could become a part of the salvation of the world, just by remembering, just by acting in memory of him. On All Saints’ Day, we celebrate not a theory that is true, but a truth unfolding in the mysteriously irreducible stories that compose our lives, and the lives of people just like us. People we remember, and who re-member us into a community that even death cannot divide.

So, let us rejoice in the life we live, in the laughter and the madness of this Halloween. For it is our living that makes us holy and makes us whole—not the abstract ideas that never take flesh, not the rules we concoct nor the fears we imagine. No. It is life that sanctifies us, and living fully that makes us saints. For our lives enflesh the Spirit, and create the echo of memory. And in these memories we—and all those we have ever loved—share in the richness of God and the fullness of Christ’s eternity.

God came into the world not to solve a problem, but to found a community of saints, diverse as the flowers in a field, yet united by a living love. When we believe that, we can hear anew the gospel of All Saints’ Day, listing not for moral truths nor ethical principles, but for the stories of our friends:

**Blessed are the poor in spirit, like Francis and Clare;**

**Blessed are they who mourn, like the mothers of Aleppo and Sudan;**

**Blessed the meek, like Damien among the lepers;**

**Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, like Martin Luther King in the Birmingham jail;**

**Blessed are the merciful, like Isaac Jogues among the Iroquois, or Teresa among the dying of Calcutta;**

**Blessed are the pure in heart, like Dorothy Day, in the vineyards of California;**

**Blessed are the peacemakers, like Dietrich Bonhoeffer at the gallows, or Denise Levertov at Ground Zero;**

**Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, like Oscar Romero and Rutillo Grande;**

**Blessed are all those we remember, who drew us into love, and whose lives live on in our own.**

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**Prayer Tree**

St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions:

For Maha’s healing and full recovery from surgery...In gratitude for our beautiful Autumn season that is upon us...And for continued discernment in the upcoming elections.

“Autumn asks that we prepare for the future—that we be wise of garnering and keeping. But it also asks that we learn to let go—to acknowledge the beauty of sparseness.”

~Banaro W. Overstreet
**Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Entrance Songs**

There's A Wideness In God's Mercy

HOly MAnna

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1. There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy Like the wide-ness of the sea; There's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice of the mind; And the heart of the Eternal fright-ened sheep? Fool-ish hearts, why will you wan-der

Which is more than lib-er-ty. There is plen-ti-ful re-demp-tion From a love so true and deep? There is wel-come for the sin-ner,

In the blood that has been shed; There is joy for And more gra-ces for the good; There is mer-cy

all the mem-bers In the sor-rows of the Head. with the Sav-iors, There is heal-ing in his blood.

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

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In the Lord I'll be ev-er thank-ful, in the Lord I will re-

joyce! Look to God, do not be a-fraid; lift up your

voic-es, the Lord is near; lift up your voic-es, the Lord is near.
First Reading

Before the LORD the whole universe is as a grain from a balance or a drop of morning dew come down upon the earth. But you have mercy on all, because you can do all things; and you overlook people’s sins that they may repent. For you love all things that are and loathe nothing that you have made; for what you hated, you would not have fashioned. And how could a thing remain, unless you willed it; or be preserved, had it not been called forth by you? But you spare all things, because they are yours, O LORD and lover of souls, for your imperishable spirit is in all things! Therefore you rebuke offenders little by little, warn them and remind them of the sins they are committing, that they may abandon their wickedness and believe in you, O LORD!

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 145

I will praise your name for e-ver, my king and my God.

(5:30) Psalm 145, #137

I will praise your name, my King and my God.

Second Reading

Brothers and sisters: We always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and powerfully bring to fulfillment every good purpose and every effort of faith, that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, in accord with the grace of our God and Lord Jesus Christ. We ask you, brothers and sisters, with regard to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our assembling with him, not to be shaken out of your minds suddenly, or to be alarmed either by a “spirit,” or by an oral statement, or by a letter allegedly from us to the effect that the day of the Lord is at hand.

Gospel Acclamation

Storrington Alleluia

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

Gospel

At that time, Jesus came to Jericho and intended to pass through the town. Now a man there named Zacchaeus, who was a chief tax collector and also a wealthy man, was seeking to see who Jesus was; but he could not see him because of the crowd, for he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree in order to see Jesus, who was about to pass that way. When he reached the place, Jesus looked up and said, “Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house.” And he came down quickly and received him with joy. When they all saw this, they began to grumble, saying, “He has gone to stay at the house of a sinner.” And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house because this man too is a descendant of Abraham. For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost.”

Gospel Acclamation

Storrington Alleluia

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.
Homily

Offertory Song

Fr. Bob Grimm, S.J.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Mass of Wisdom

Fr. Bob Grimm, S.J.

Mystery of Faith

(9) Choral Anthem: Amazing Grace

Niles

NEW BRITAIN

(5) Gonzaga Choir

Haugen

Janco

1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but grace my fears relieved; I was blind, but now I see. grace appeared, The hour I first believed!
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And word my hope secured; He will my shield and portion be, As long as life endures.
3. The Lord has promised good to me; His have all ready come; 'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home. safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.
4. Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I shining as the sun, We've no less days to have been there ten thousand years, Bright saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but grace my fears relieved; I was blind, but now I see. grace appeared, The hour I first believed!
5. When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright now am found; Was blind, but now I see. grace appeared, The hour I first believed!

(5:30) You Will Show Me the Path of Life #24

Haugen

Janco

Holy, Holy, Holy

Mass of Wisdom

Haugen

Janco

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


Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

(5:30) Agnus Dei Chant

Agnus Dei, qui tollis pec-ca-ta mun-di: mi-se-re-re no-bis. Agnus Dei, qui tollis pec-ca-ta mun-di: mi-se-re-re no-bis. Agnus Dei, qui tollis pec-ca-ta mun-di: do-na no-bis pa-cem.

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) Gonzaga Choir

You Will Show Me the Path of Life

You will show me the path of life, you, my hope and my shelter; In your presence is endless joy, at your side is my home forever.
Song of Praise

If You Believe and I Believe

Zimbabwean

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

(9 & 11) Instrumental

(5:30) If You Believe and I Believe (above)

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**Liturgies and Worship**

**Remembering Our Beloved Dead**

The Solemnity Of All Saints: On Tuesday, November 1, we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints, remembering saints known and unknown to us. Masses are: 7:00 am in the Arrupe Room (Parish Center) and 7:00 pm in the church.

**Ritual Of Remembering:** At the 7:00 evening mass on Tuesday, November 1, we remember those who have died this past year. We gather in candlelight, speak their names aloud, and pray for them and for each other as we sing the Litany of the Saints.

"Book of the Names of the Dead" & the "Saints Corner": Christian communities remember the names of their dead. These names are heard in the Prayers of the Faithful during the liturgy and in the chanting of the Litany of Saints at the Easter Vigil; they are seen on holy cards, memorial cards, and grave markers; and Masses are prayed for the repose of souls. November is called the Month of All Souls and the dead are remembered in prayer.

As in previous years you are invited to bring photos of your loved ones to help create a shrine or "Saints Corner" to be located in the baptistery in the north transept of the church. This will be maintained as a sacred space for contemplation and prayer throughout the month of November until Advent begins on November 26th.

Additionally you are invited to write the names of your departed loved ones in the "Book of the Names of the Dead" located at the entrance to the church.

Please bring your photos the weekend of October 29th/30th, or on All Saints Day, to the baptistery and place them in the box. Please write contact information on the back of the photo so it can be returned to you after November.

**Parish Holy Hour**

Thursday, November 3rd, 7- 8 pm. Prayer is a most powerful tool in these troubling times in our country and the world. Please join us in the Loyola Chapel of the Parish Center for one hour of prayerful adoration. Refreshments to follow. All are welcome!

**No Prayer Groups on Halloween**

Please note that Sacred Silence and Holy Rosary Group will not be meeting this Monday, October 31, on Halloween. We will return to a regular schedule on Monday, November 7. Thank you!
### Prayerfully Giving

**Discerning a Level of Stewardship That Fits Your Call**

| Level One | Two Small Coins | For those with great hearts but limited resources.  
> “When Jesus looked up, he noticed a poor widow putting in two small coins. He said, ‘I tell you truly this poor widow has put in more than all the rest. She, from her poverty, has offered her whole livelihood.’”  
> (Luke 21:1-4) |
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| A. $150 < $350  
about $2 - $7 a week  
B. $350 < $750  
about $7 - $15 a week |

| Level Two | Providing for the Mission | For those who sacrifice to build the mission.  
> “Accompanying Jesus were the twelve & some women who had been cured, Mary called Magdalene, Joanna, Susanna, & many others who provided for them out of their resources.”  
> (Luke 8:1-3) |
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| A. $750 < $1000  
about $15 - $20 a week  
B. $1000 < $1500  
about $20 - $30 a week  
C. $1500 < $2500  
about $30 - $50 a week |

| Level Three | Sowing Bountifully | For those graced & willing to share their bounty.  
> “Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, & whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”  
> (Luke 8:1-3) |
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| A. $2500 < $3500  
about $210 - $300 a month  
B. $3500 < $5000  
about $300 - $420 a month  
C. $5000 < $7500  
about $420 - $625 a month |

| Level Four | Faithful & Prudent Stewards | For those blessed with substantial resources & able to share.  
> “Who, then, is the faithful & prudent steward whom the master will put in charge to distribute the food allowance? Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, & still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more.”  
> (Luke 12:42, 48) |
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| A. $7500 < $10,000  
about $625 - $850 a month  
B. $10,000 < $25,000  
about $850 - $2,100 a month  
C. $25,000 < $50,000  
about $2,100 - $4,200 a month  
D. $50,000 < whatever grace moves you to give |

| Level Five | Spiritual Companions | For those who have only their hearts to give.  
> “When he saw Peter & John about to go into the temple, the beggar asked for alms. But Peter looked intently at him, as did John, & said, ‘I have neither silver nor gold, but what I do have I give you, in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean.’”  
> (Acts 3:3-6) |
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Ways to Donate – Part 1

We are grateful for your prayerful consideration of a stewardship gift to St. Joseph Parish! For over a century, St. Joseph has been here: serving people in faith, educating the young with hope, and engaging the world with the love of Christ Jesus and the power of the Gospel. Together, we ensure that our century-old commitment will endure.

Below are a few examples of the many ways our parishioners and friends support our parish. For more information or assistance in making your gift, please don't hesitate to contact Tina O’Brien, Director of Advancement at stewardship@stjosephparish.org or (206) 965.1654.

Make an Immediate Impact

- Cash gifts—the simplest and easiest gift you can make—can be made by credit card, personal check, cashier's check, or money order made payable to St. Joseph Parish. Make a gift today online at www.stjosephparish.org.

- Gifts of appreciated securities, stocks and bonds provide considerable tax advantages when transferred to St. Joseph Parish before they are sold. Learn more by contacting Tina O’Brien, Director of Advancement at stewardship@stjosephparish.org or (206) 965.1654.

- Recurring gifts can help sustain your impact through regular and consistent contributions to St. Joseph Parish. You can arrange for gifts to come to the parish through electronic fund transfer, set up your credit card to be charged a certain amount at a frequency of your choosing, or use the small envelopes provided by the parish. It is most helpful when our friends give via electronic fund transfer directly from the bank as there are no fees incurred with each transaction. Arrange for a recurring gift online at www.stjosephparish.org.

- In-kind gifts can provide items that our community partners desperately need such as toiletries, paper products, baby items, clothing, and the like. Contact our outreach partners regarding contributions of goods and services or bring food items to Mass for our special collections.

Stewardship Update

Many, many thanks to all who have made gifts and pledges to our annual stewardship appeal. To date, we have received 151 pledges totaling $469,063.00 toward our goal of $1,500,000. We are endlessly grateful for your commitment to St. Joseph Parish!

Seniors On The Go

**Friday, November 4th** - Healing Mass at 11:30 am. Lunch following in the Parish Center!

**Tuesday, November 8th** - Seniors Planning Meeting at 11:30 am (brown bag lunch) and Movie Matinee at 1:00 pm in the Parish Center.

**Monday, November 14th** - Fall Musical Variety Show starts with 11:30 am lunch. (Sandwiches/beverages provided. Everyone invited to bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share). Then from 12:30 –2:00 pm enjoy music with Bob and Diane. Non-Seniors are also welcome!

**Wednesday, November 16th** - Join us for our monthly support group, Aging Gracefully, from 11 am - 12 noon.

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**Parish Life**

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**On All Saints Day** there will be a special collection for Jesuit Refugee Service. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**NO Tuesday Night Yoga**

On **Tuesday, November 1st**, the church celebrates All Saints’ Day. Due to 7 pm mass that evening, Tuesday Night Yoga will not meet. Please consider joining us for mass instead. And Yoga Night will resume the following Tuesday, November 8th.

**Women’s Ministry**

All women are welcome to join us for Coffee Connect on **Saturday, November 5th**, 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.

**Conversation on Race**

Please join other parishioners interested in a prayerful, gentle conversation and dialogue on race and justice on **Thursday, November 3rd**, 7-8:30pm, in the Arrupe Room. Our goal is to provide a safe space to share with others our experience, struggle and vision on this painful issue and discern a direction for action in the near future. Please come with your ideas and thoughts. Questions? Email Deacon Steve at stevew@stjosephparish.org or Mary de Rosas at mpcd4730@yahoo.com

**“Hope & Healing”**

A Faith-Sharing Group for Those Experiencing Illness

Join us for prayer, exploration, and fellowship at our next meeting on **Tuesday, November 15th**, at 7pm. We will meet upstairs in the Parish Center Jogues Room to discuss this month's topic: Gratitude. Questions? Contact Avery Haller at averyhaller@outlook.com or 206-459-1768 if you have questions.

**Sunday Brunch**

On **Sunday, November 13th**, you’re invited to join the St. Joseph Young Adults for brunch after the 11am mass. We will meet in the back of the church at the end of mass and we’ll walk over together to our 12:30pm reservation at Ernest Loves Agnes. Group size is limited so please RSVP to Katy Ryan at katherinemryan@gmail.com soon to reserve your spot!

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**Young Adult (21-35) Ministry Halloween Social**

It’s pumpkin time! Join us on **Sunday, October 30th**, in the Parish Center after the 5:30 pm mass for fall inspired fellowship! Carve a pumpkin, decorate Halloween cookies, or just enjoy good company with seasonal beers and treats. Carving Masters: feel free to bring your own pumpkin if you have a favorite shape or size; we will have some pumpkins on hand for people to team up on if desired as well as basic carving tools. Hope to see you and celebrate a Halloween tradition!

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**Change Your Clock on Sunday, November 6!**

Remember to Fall Back 1 hour next weekend and change your clocks.
St. Joseph’s Women’s Ministry: Meet Denise Cassidy

(In July and September 2015, St. Joseph Parish Life Commission held open “listening sessions” with women of the parish to invigorate a more inclusive and unified Women’s Ministry. These sessions consisted of prayer, Scripture, and small and large group discussions. Following this meeting, in consultation with the leaders of the Parish Life Commission, Deacon Steve and I asked Denise Cassidy to serve as the animating leader of St. Joseph’s Women’s Ministry. I am so grateful to her for accepting this position, and believe the women—and men—of St. Joseph will be thrilled by her grace and zeal. May God give her the gifts she needs to serve this community well. -John, SJ-)

I moved to Seattle 2 years ago from San Francisco with my husband Barney and my 3 children, Bernard, JR, and Rose. We joined St. Joseph Parish, and I immediately felt strongly called to serve the women of this parish. This was a surprise, since I didn't know anyone! But as I continued to pray and participate in parish events, I tried to understand this call, and be open to the needs of the women of St. Joseph. Then, when I was asked to help the Women’s Ministry, I felt enormously humbled by the call, and deeply honored and blessed to answer it.

My goal is for every woman who comes to St. Joseph to feel that she is welcome and needed by this community. As I work toward defining this new role, I ask you to join us! We need you—your prayers, your participation, your enthusiasm, and your creativity. Your gifts are our greatest treasure—a treasure that makes St. Joseph rich! May the Spirit enable us to create something beautiful for the women of St. Joseph, and allow us to be present to each others' gifts and needs.

As a start, I’d like to invite you personally to the Women’s Mass & Potluck, Friday, November 4th, at 6:00 pm in the Arrupe Room. Women of all ages are invited to join together with Fr. John for a “Mass of Remembrance” — for all those women who have shaped and blessed our lives—followed by a potluck dinner. As winter approaches, we pause to gather for prayer, fellowship, and remembrance of our ancestors in faith. Feel free to bring photos of those you’d like remembered; and please invite a friend to join you, and bring a dish to share! You can RSVP by going to this link www.signupgenius.com/go/8050449aea82e5-womens Or, if you have questions, contact me at denise@cassidyhome.com or Deacon Steve at stevew@stjosephparish.org

Blessings,

Denise
Faith Justice

Recovery Cafe Annual
Thanksgiving Meal &
Open Mic Night
Sponsored by St. Joseph
Saturday, November 21, 1 pm-8:30 pm

Are you and your family looking for a way to make Thanksgiving really memorable for those in need? On Saturday, November 19th, we will prepare and serve a traditional Thanksgiving meal to 100 members of the Recovery Cafe, but we need your help--both in the preparation, and in the delivery, serving and clean up. To that end, consider signing up to volunteer and/or provide food. This year, food donation and volunteer sign-ups are on-line at http://www.perfectpotluck.com/meals.php?t=GEGZ1002&v=5bd4091e88

Thank you in advance for your generosity! For more information, please go online or contact Deacon Steve at stевew@stjosephparish.org or (206) 965-1646 or Laury Bryant at laurb39@hotmail.com or (206)234-9444, or Gretchen Brennan at gretchenbrennan@comcast.net or (206) 949-5456.

On-line sign-ups available for the following:
- Turkey & gravy
- Hams
- Mashed Potatoes
- Stuffing/Dressing
- Sweet Potato Casserole
- Green Bean Casserole
- Festive Green Salad for 25
- Vegetarian/gluten free/dairy free hot dish & cold dish
- Dinner rolls + butter, cranberry sauce, milk, apple juice, satsuma oranges, and extra gravy
- Plus gift of wool socks for Cafe members
- Volunteer shifts: 1 pm-8:30 pm

The Recovery Cafe is a refuge of healing and transformation, supporting men and women in recovery from addiction, mental health challenges and homelessness. Learn more at www.recoverycafe.org

L’Arche Benefit Dinner

On Saturday, November 5th, at 5:30 pm please Join L’Arche Noah Sealth in celebrating our 40th year in Seattle at our 5th Annual Benefit Dinner and live auction at Seattle University. To purchase tickets, please register at www.archeseattle.org. We look forward to seeing you there!

St. Vincent de Paul

A report from our SVdp Conference: The look on her face was one of total gratitude and happiness. After two years of living on the street, she could now stand in her new apartment—just a few blocks from St. Joseph Church. In clothes that surely came from a St. Vincent de Paul store, or maybe Goodwill, she looked older than her years. Our volunteers were there as she had needed some money to pay the move-in charge of this refurbished, subsidized apartment. “Look,” she exclaimed, “it has a clean bathroom, with a door!” Tears of joy ran down her face—and ours too.

It was a small one-bedroom unit in an older building—yet light-years away from sleeping in doorways and hunting for a restroom that would serve street people. “I’ll be safe here,” she sighed.

Your large or small donations to St. Vincent de Paul always make a difference. This time our ability to help a woman in need may well have saved a life. Thank you for your support.

Stuff the Truck
Help Your Neighbors in Need!
Thursday, November 17th, at St. Joseph School from 7:30 am - 9:00 am, and 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Help us Stuff the Truck to help those in need. Gently used items are sold at St. Vinnie’s thrift stores. Proceeds from our thrift store sales help fund programs to help families all over King County. **We need: gently used men’s jeans, shirts and shoes, women’s business clothing, and small household items. We also need all kids clothing, winter coats, boots, gloves and sweaters.** About 90 cents of every $1 donated goes to programs to help people.

Visit www.svdpseattle.org for more information. St. Vincent de Paul thanks you!

Tent City 3 Meal To Go
We Need You!

St. Joseph Parish is providing dinner for residents of Tent City 3 at their new home off 130th and Lake City Way in North Seattle on a monthly basis. Our next dinner is **Wednesday, November 9th.** Our menu is Chicken Marbella, Rice and Vegetable Salad, green beans, brownies and beverages for 75 residents. If you want to help with providing a food item, please contact Mark Busto at mbusto1951@gmail.com
Current Faith Formation Update

Last Friday our Assistant Director of Religious Education, Theresa Lukasik, took a fall while hiking. Theresa broke her left leg and will be out of the office recuperating for the next couple of weeks. During her absence, the Faith Formation Office would like to announce the following:

- Pathfinders Youth Group for Middle School students will meet twice monthly—please look to the bulletin for specified meeting dates thru January. *Volunteers are still needed and appreciated!*  

- All Children’s Faith Formation and Adult Faith Formation programs *currently* in session will continue as scheduled: CFF Sunday school, High School Confirmation, Infant Baptism prep class and masses, Adult Bible Study, and High School Youth Group (the VOICE).

- Sunday Morning classroom helpers are needed. Safe Environment training is necessary to assist.

*Please understand email and phone call messages may be delayed during this time.*

We appreciate your keeping Theresa in your prayers. She is grateful for all your support and well wishes!

Family Mass & Pancake Breakfast

This breakfast is hosted by our parish school’s Parent Association Board and St. Joseph Parish on Sunday, November 6th, after the 9 am Mass in the Social Hall. All are welcome. The cost is $5 per person; 4 and under are free. You can pay in advance at www.stjosephparish.org or at the door. Please contact Dottie Farewell at dfarewell@stjosephparish.org to RSVP. Contact David Hein at davidh@okigolf.com to volunteer.

Sponsors Needed For RCIA

We are in need of 7-10 adults who can be a faith companion to someone going through the RCIA process to join the Catholic Faith.

The St. Joseph Parish community promises prayerful support for, and to walk with, each prospective new member of the Catholic Church. The role of RCIA sponsor is the fulfillment of that promise. As a sponsor you are assigned a candidate (baptized adult) or Catechumen (unbaptized adult) whose continuing faith journey you will share.

Being a Sponsor is like being a trusted friend. You share what you can about your own faith journey. You offer counsel and support as you are able and to the extent that it is needed or desired. You serve as a bridge to the larger St. Joseph community. You listen and you pray. Each relationship between a Sponsor and a Candidate or Catechumen is unique. As a Sponsor, you walk with a Candidate or Catechumen through a formation process that culminates with initiation into the Catholic Church.

Many prospective Sponsors ask themselves whether they are worthy or qualified. The role of Sponsor is not that of Catechist. You are not expected to know every aspect of the Church’s teaching, but rather simply to be a guide, an example of a Catholic living your faith as best as you can. A Sponsor who can admit his or her limitations and who continually tries to grow is an excellent faith model. Sponsors are supported by the parish’s RCIA Team, members of whom can be called upon to help answer a Candidate’s or Catechumen’s questions.

If interested, please contact Deacon Steve at stevew@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1646.
Parenting in an Ignatian Spirit
Small Group Reflection for Parents
Mondays from 7-9:00 pm starting November 14th
St. Joseph Parish Center

This small group invites you as a parent to reflect on the multiple roles you play in your life and how these roles intersect with your deepest sense of yourself and your understanding of God. Over the course of seven monthly sessions, you and fellow parents will deepen your sense of yourselves, come to an awareness of the spiritual foundations of your parenting, share experiences in the context of a small community, and develop a set of Ignatian-inspired practices to help ground you in moments of challenge.

Seven monthly meetings on Mondays: November 14th, December 12th, January 9th, February 13th, March 20th*, April 10th, and May 15th*. Jennifer Tilghman-Havens will facilitate. Space is limited to 10 spots, please register by Monday, November 7th. Cost is $175, scholarships are available. Visit www.ignatiancenter.org for more information. Sponsored by the Ignatian Spirituality Center.

Pope Francis on Welcoming the Stranger and Clothing the Naked

26 October 2016, St. Peter’s Square

Dear Brothers and Sisters: In our catechesis for this Holy Year of Mercy, we now consider two particular corporal works of mercy: welcoming the stranger and clothing the naked. Jesus mentions both of these in connection with the Last Judgement (cf. Mt 25:35-36). Nowadays, the “stranger” is often the immigrant in our midst. In every age, the phenomenon of immigration calls for a response of openness and solidarity. In our own day, the growing influx of refugees fleeing war, famine and dire poverty is a summons to welcome and care for these brothers and sisters. Like so many committed Christians who have gone before us, such as Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, we need to find generous and creative ways of meeting their immediate needs. So too, “clothing the naked” increasingly means caring for those whose dignity has been stripped from them, and working to ensure that it is upheld and safeguarded. As followers of Christ, may we never close our hearts to those in need. For by openness to others, our lives are enriched, our societies enjoy peace and all people can live in a way befitting their God-given dignity.
This year St. Joseph’s Parish Alternative Bazaar will have beautiful handcrafted items from dozens of countries, and organizations around the world in order to support disadvantaged artisans overseas and in the US.

The artisans and vendors are Fair Trade Certified, or a non-profit whose sales 100% support the organization.

Come and support our non-profit outreach partners such as: L’Arche, Chief Seattle Club, Association of Catholic Childhood, Jubilee Women’s Center & Ten Thousand Villages and many more!

For More Information: Steve Wodzanowski, 206-965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org
You’ve Decided on Cremation
That is exactly why the Church offers an educational service to ensure that your family is fully informed about your wishes and receive the benefits of the Church on that most difficult day. Prepare NOW for them...

While You Are Healthy
This is a special decision you don’t want to make when laid up in the hospital. You’ll want to be in the comfort of your own home, with your loved ones, while you are in good health.

While You Are Living
You have no control of the decision-making process when you are no longer on this earth. You are only able to contribute to this special decision while you are alive and well.

While You Have Financing Options
If you leave this decision for someone else to make after you’ve died, then your family will have to pay for your burial costs immediately. Where will they get the money? Plan now, while you may select small monthly payments, interest-free, that fit your budget and protect your family.

While You Can Take Advantage of This Special Offer
During this Memorial Day Season we have a FREE Funeral Planning Guide for anyone who calls or emails us before June 15th. This booklet contains all the necessary information about how to plan for your vigil, funeral, and Rite of Committal. It also has scripted pages for you to fill out details regarding your personal preferences for your arrangements, as well as the location of any important documents your family will need. It is our hope that your family will find comfort and confidence in having this information easily at hand, when needed most.

Call Now to Recieve Your FREE Funeral Planning Guide
(206)366-8834
accparish@mycatholiccemetery.org
Monthly Taize Prayer Service

Starting in November on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, join us for an evening of contemplative prayer and worship as we incorporate the musical tradition of Taizé prayer into adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The first service will be held on Wednesday, November 16th, from 7:30 – 8:30 pm in the church with Deacon Steve presiding. Similar to the Novena of Grace, we will invite participants to write down a prayer petition to be voiced aloud in the service.

Formed in the French town of the same name in 1940, Taizé prayer blossomed from a prayer community intended to create a place of peace and refuge in war-torn France. 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, 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.”

Since this first service falls on the anniversary of the Jesuits and their companions killed at UCA in San Salvador in 1989, we will have a candle-lighting ritual to honor them realizing there is no greater love than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.

If you would like to share your musical talents, please contact Paula at shiva_paula@yahoo.com or Drew at cosmo787@gmail.com. Contact Deacon Steve at stevew@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1646 if you want to be a greeter, reader, or candle-lighter, or for any general questions.