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St. Joseph Parish

THE JESUIT PARISH IN SEATTLE



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the rain and snow come down
and do not return there
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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 16, 2017

Homily This Week: George Teodoro, S.J. Homily Next Week: Steve Wodzanowski

Weekend Mass Schedule Saturday - 5 pm Sunday - 9:30 am & 5:30 pm

Readings for July 23, 2017

First Reading: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19
Second Reading: Romans 8:26-27

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 13:24-30

Weekday Mass Schedule Monday - Friday, 7 am, Parish Center Reconciliation

Saturday - 3:30-4:15 pm in the Church or by appointment

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Waiting Tables

and by this light I shall come to know that you, eternal Trinity, are table, and food, and waiter for us. You, eternal Father, are the table that offers us as food the Lamb, your only-begotten Son.

He is the most exquisite of foods for us, both in his teaching, which nourishes us in your will, and in the Sacrament that we receive in Holy Communion, which feeds and strengthens us while we are pilgrim travelers in this life

And I shall clothe myself in your eternal will,

-Catherine of Siena-

I love the Eucharist.

Indeed, there is no time in my day or week that I feel more myself than in those moments when I am celebrating, with a community of faith, the great work of Christ given to us in the form of bread and wine. I am overwhelmed each time we gather at the altar and receive what the Trinity does. Here the Spirit of God fulfills the promise of Christ by transforming the gifts of field and vine—gifts freely given to us, which we now return in offering—into the body and blood of the Lord. Here bread and wine become the presence of God, not through the power of the priest nor through the merit of any of the individuals present, but through the fidelity of Christ, who unendingly responds to the faith of the People of God with incarnate love. Here the gift of the Spirit is offered to us through this living memorial of Christ's death and resurrection. In such an exchange, the priest's role is one of minister—servant of the One who prepares the feast, and spokesperson for the Church who gathers to receive it. This communion with God is not magic; the words of institution and consecration are not incantations that force God to act. Rather, it is miracle, a free action of God, beyond what nature can achieve or what human beings can expect. Of all the Sacraments, the Eucharist is the most treasured, because in its simplicity it proclaims all that is accomplished through the Incarnation: i.e., the welcome of the stranger, the healing of the sinful, the inclusion of the alienated, the sanctification of the People of God through constant and irrevocable communion in Christ. These are not things that we accomplish, but things that God accomplishes in us, whenever we stand hungry at the altar, whenever we open our hearts and hands to receive this gift.

As a minister of these gifts, I long to offer the People of God all that God would have them receive, without getting too much in the way—like a helpful but unobtrusive waiter at a table prepared by Christ. Ordained as a living symbol of the universal Church, a priest is meant to recall for those who come to the table the personal presence of the whole Church—across the world and through the ages—present within this particular community; to remind each of us that, when we gather, the whole body of Christ joins us in praise and sacrifice. Far from the protector or gatekeeper of the Eucharist, the priest is meant to help the gift of the Eucharist become fully visible for God's People by being a welcoming and inviting presence, a living sign of the compassion of Christ moving in the body of the Church. To use an analogy that I have often shared with younger Jesuits preparing for ordination, a priest is meant to be like the lens in a pair of glasses: it matters how the grace of God has ground you and shaped you, because through that shape others may see Christ more clearly. Yet, a priest should always recall,

it is not him for whom the faithful look, it is always Christ. And when we minister most fully, it is primarily Christ, not us, whom others encounter. As St. Paul says, for a minister of the Sacraments of Christ, "it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me."

As Pope Francis so often reminds us, both by his words and his example, such a vision of ministry should inspire humility in all those called to service in the Church; for the gifts we minister do not belong to us as individuals—it is not by our goodness that the table is set nor the bread broken, not by our power that common elements become vessels of grace and presence, not by our virtue that the Spirit of God moves in the hearts of believers-all of these are the work of Christ, through his body the Church. Unlike the priesthood of Aaron in the Old Testament, the ministers of the Church are not uniquely chosen to pass through the curtain of the sanctuary and make sacrifice to God on behalf of the people, for Jesus Christ-the Son of Godhas offered that sacrifice once and for all, and through the gift of the Spirit at Pentecost, the holy sanctuary has now become the whole world. This is what is meant by "the priesthood of all believers," the priesthood of the whole Church, implicit in our union with Christ through baptism. While, within this Church, some of us may be called to lifelong service, that service does not place us above the Church—it does not make us mediators between God and God's People-but makes us servants of the mediation Christ himself has already achieved through the blood of his cross.

Such a vision of the Church and of priesthood, though rooted in the Gospels and in the teachings of Vatican II, strikes at the heart of clerical privilege and seeks to root out the original sin of egoism and ideology that has arisen in the institutional Church throughout history—even as far back as when the apostles of Jesus debated who among themselves was the greatest. Such a vision requires an act of faith: a belief that the grace of God is still at work in the People of God, and that the Spirit acts in the heart of the community, drawing us-though sometimes haltingly and imperfectly-toward the promise of the Kingdom. It is a hopeful and discerning vision that looks always towards greater openness and inclusion; that remains faithful to the tradition of the Church, yet alive to new ways of understanding that tradition; a vision that is even willing to risk mistakes for the sake of mercy and welcome. As Francis has noted, "I prefer a Church which is bruised, hurting, and dirty because it has been out on the streets, rather than a Church which is unhealthy from being confined and from clinging to its own security." Above all, this is a vision at odds with the fear and the legalism that would make of the Church (again, to quote Pope Francis) "a small chapel that can hold only a small group of selected people."

While Pope Francis continues to promote a Church where "those who preach. . .recognize the heart of their com-

munity and . . . see where the desire for God is lively and ardent," there continue to be those who would make the Church smaller and, in their vision, more pure—and where priests and bishops act not so much as ministers of the Sacraments, but rather as their guardians and protectors. This is especially true where the Eucharist is concerned, as has been shown during the last few weeks. In three separate national stories, representatives of the hierarchical Church—always citing crises that they, perhaps uniquely, perceive—have moved to restrict the Eucharist, or reframe its reception, in ways that divide the faithful and reenforce a clerical ideology and a restrictive vision of power.

In Springfield, Illinois, Bishop Thomas Paprocki issued a decree forbidding civilly married homosexual Catholics from receiving the Eucharist or other Sacraments, from acting as liturgical ministers, and from being remembered in a Catholic funeral Mass, unless there was some indication of repentance prior to death. Far from building a bridge between parts of the Catholic community, this action emphasizes power over mercy, and separation over the communion of Christ. Meanwhile, following the advice of Cardinal Sarah of the Congregation of Divine Worship, who has spoken of a "serious crisis of faith," Bishop Robert Morlino of Madison, Wisconsin, has instructed the pastors of his diocese to encourage people to receive the Eucharist on their tongue while kneeling, and to train first communicants in this form of reception. While allowed in the tradition, the promotion of such a posture emphasizes neither the communal nature of Eucharist nor the gift Christ gives us by becoming as we are, i.e. flesh and blood. Instead, the priest stands, while the communicant assumes the posture of a penitent. Finally, just this week, the same Cardinal Sarah who inspired Bishop Morlino, wrote a letter to bishops, noting that respect for the Eucharist was being compromised because of inappropriate practices such as the use of gluten-free hosts, and also noting that no bread wholly lacking in gluten could be validly used for the Eucharist. It has not been my experience that the use of gluten-free bread diminishes reverence for the Eucharist; rather, it has enhanced it, especially for those otherwise pushed away by a physical condition. And while such a strongly materialist interpretation may only directly impinge on a relatively few people, it seems quite different from the attitude of Christ, who ignored ritual impurity when he touched the leper or the woman who had a hemorrhage. And though we must, in humility, respect the authority of Church leaders, the effect of this teaching, as with the prior examples, makes the Eucharist, the moment of our communion with Christ, into a moment of division, a moment of those fully welcomed and those only conditionally so.

I love the Eucharist. May its beauty guide our discernment, and bring to the table all those who love it, as well.

John of

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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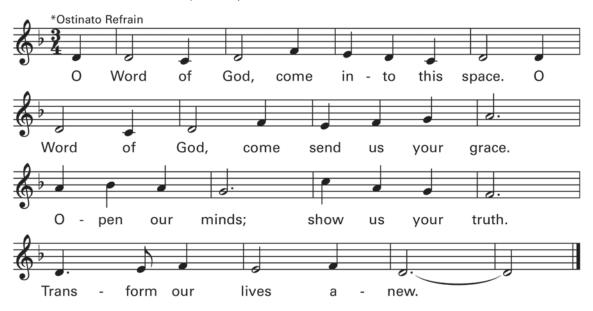
Entrance Songs (5&9:30) Praise To You, O Christ Our Savior

Farrell



(5:30) O Word Of God

Manalo



First Reading Isaiah 55:10-11

Thus says the LORD:
Just as from the heavens
the rain and snow come down
and do not return there
till they have watered the earth,
making it fertile and fruitful,
giving seed to the one who sows
and bread to the one who eats,
so shall my word be
that goes forth from my mouth;
my word shall not return to me void,
but shall do my will,
achieving the end for which I sent it.



Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 65

Guimont



- 1. You care for the earth, give it water; you fill it with riches. Your river in heaven brims over to provide its grain.
- 2. And thus you provide for the earth; you drench its furrows; you level it, soften it with showers; you bless its growth.
- 3. You crown the year with your goodness. Abundance flows in your steps; in the pastures of the wilderness it flows.
- 4. The hills are girded with joy, the meadows covered with flocks, the valleys are decked with wheat. They shout for joy, yes they sing.

Second Reading

Romans 8:18-23

Brothers and sisters: I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God; for creation was

made subject to futility, not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it, in hope that creation itself would be set free from slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God. We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now; and not only that, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, we also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.



Gospel Acclamation

Murray



Gospel Matthew 13:1-23

On that day, Jesus went out of the house and sat down by the sea. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd stood along the shore. And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the sun rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of roots. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. Whoever has ears ought to hear."

The disciples approached him and said, "Why do you speak to them in parables?" He said to them in reply, "Because knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven has been granted to you, but to them it has not been granted. To anyone who has, more will be giv-

en and he will grow rich; from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. This is why I speak to them in parables, because they look but do not see and hear but do not listen or understand. Isaiah's prophecy is fulfilled in them, which says:



You shall indeed hear but not understand, you shall indeed look but never see. Gross is the heart of this people, they will hardly hear with their ears, they have closed their eyes, lest they see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their hearts and be converted, and I heal them.

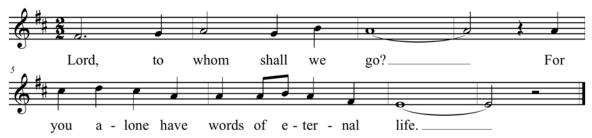
"But blessed are your eyes, because they see, and your ears, because they hear. Amen, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it.

"Hear then the parable of the sower. The seed sown on the path is the one who hears the word of the kingdom without understanding it, and the evil one comes and steals away what was sown in his heart. The seed sown on rocky ground is the one who hears the word and receives it at once with joy. But he has no root and lasts only for a time. When some tribulation or persecution comes because of the word, he immediately falls away. The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word, but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit. But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold."

Homily George Teodoro, S.J.

Offertory Song (5&9:30) Lord, To Whom Shall We Go

Joncas



Your words, O Lord, are a feast for my soul. Your word is my hope of salvation.

Your words, O Lord, are my light and my hope. Your word is my hope of salvation.

Your words, O Lord, are my strength and my shield. Your word is my hope of salvation.

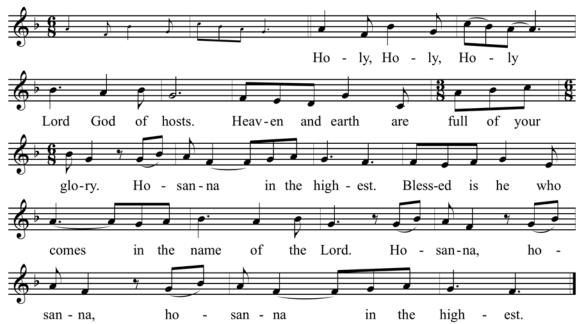
All Are Invited To Come Forward

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 A GLUTEN FREE HOST, PLEASE COME TO THE PRESIDER & INDICATE THIS.

Holy, Holy, Holy

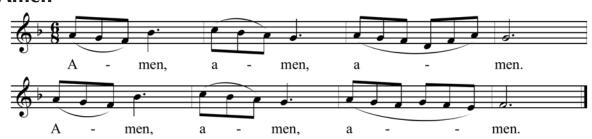
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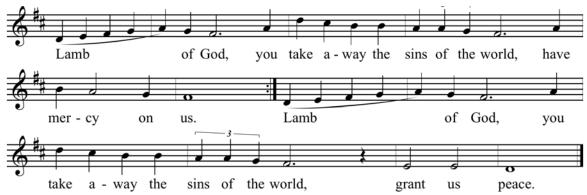
Mystery of Faith



Great Amen

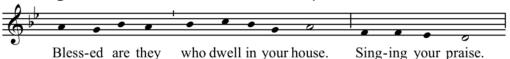


Lamb of God

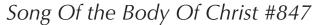




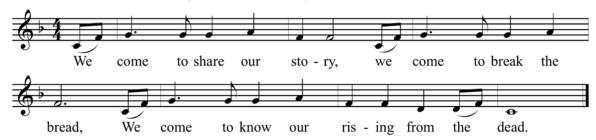
Communion Antiphon



Bless-ed are they who dwell in your house.



Haas





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THIS WEEK AT ST. JOSEPH

Sunday

9:30 AM Mass

10:30 AM Coffee & Donuts - Join us!

5:30 PM Mass

Monday

7:00 AM Mass

7:00 PM Holy Rosary Group 7:00 PM Sacred Silence

Tuesday

Wednesday

7:00 AM Mass

Thursday

7:00 AM Mass

Friday

7:00 AM Mass

Saturday

3:30 PM Weekly Reconciliation

5:00 PM Vigil Mass



LITURGY AND WORSHIP

Prayer St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions: For Caroline's mobility to improve . . . For John's back spasms . . . For Roger who has leukemia . . . For Pat's health

. . . For Callie's recovery from surgery . . . Thanksgiving for blessings received.

"Learn to get in touch with the silence within yourself

And know that everything in this life has a purpose."

~Elisabeth Kubler-Ross

RIP

Former parishioner, Barbara Carver, who died on the 4th of July.

Come Pray With Us! Monday Night Prayer Groups

Join us in prayer on **Monday, July 17th at 7 pm.** There are two prayer groups meeting. Join our Sacred Silence prayer group in the church or come pray the Rosary in the Parish Center Chapel.

The Sacred Silence prayer group will gather in the church for an hour of silent prayer. Participants need to enter the church before 7 PM as the church is locked in the evening. For information, contact Jim Hoover at sacred-silence@stjosephparish.org or 206-286-0313.

Praying the Rosary can help us face the often harsh realities of life with hope and grace. People will help guide those who are just learning.

Welcome The Newly Baptized

Please join us in welcoming our new sisters in the Lord!

Alexa Coppess Willa Hart Clara Leitzelar

Online Bible Study

Did you know that St. Joseph's has an Online Bible Study with reflections written by Parishioners? This is the perfect opportunity to make a little space in your busy week to read and pray with the Scriptures for the upcoming Sunday. Join our online community and allow your fellow parishioners to help deepen your prayer life through their reflections.

https://stjosephparishbiblestudy.wordpress.com/

Parish Life

Marriage Enrichment Boat Cruise

Back by popular demand, St. Joseph Marriage Enrichment Summer Boat Cruise! Friday, August 25th - \$60/couple

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

BYOB - BEVERAGES AND FOOD

Board: 7:00 pm - Lake Union Public Pier by MOHAI

Setting sail: 7:30 pm

Returning to port: 10:30 pm

Max: 56 people

For Information contact Deacon Steve at stevew@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1646.

To register: stjosephparish.org then click on the boat cruise tile.

Parish Life Commission

St. Joseph's Parish Life Commission is seeking new members. The Parish Life Commission strengthens the community of St. Joseph Parish by welcoming new members into the Parish, making current members feel welcomed through celebrations and social opportunities, and building and uniting various communities of life. We meet on five Monday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the Parish Center. Meeting dates are: Sept. 11, Nov. 13, Jan. 8, March 5 and May 14. Ministries we currently support include Newcomers, LGBTQ, Young Adults, Seniors, Men's and Women's ministry, parish picnic, Ceili and We Are St. Joseph celebration. If interested please contact Deacon Steve at stevew@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1646. We are looking for 4-6 new members who can commit to either a 2 or 3 year term.

This is important: to get to know people, listen, expand the circle of ideas. The world is crisscrossed by roads that come closer together and move apart, but the important thing is that they lead towards the Good. ~Pope Francis

Seniors On The Go

Wednesday July, 19th - AGING GRACEFULLY TO-GETHER will meet at 11:00 am in the Arrupe Room of the Parish Center. We invite any and all who would like to meet, talk and make new friends. Also, over the week-end of July 22 and 23, we will be at the Welcoming Ministries table after each of the Masses-5:00 pm Saturday, 7/22; 9:30 am on Sunday, 7/23 and 5:30 pm Sunday 7/23. You can also call us: Eleanor McCall at 206-325-4615; Frances Chikahisa at 773-294-9424 email franceschikahisa@me.com

Friday, July 21st - Join us for a wonderful day exploring the North Cascades. Including lunch in the town of Newhalem and an afternoon boat cruise on Diablo Lake. \$25.00 per person including lunch. Leave from St. Joseph's Parish Center at 9:00 am and returning around 8 pm. To register contact Renee at 324-2522 or rleet@ stjosephparish.org

Friday, August 4th - Healing Mass at 11:30 am. No luncheon.

LGBTQ Ministry

Discover Liberation Theology with Guest Speaker, Jeanette Rodriguez PhD St. Joseph's Parish Center - Mother Teresa Rm Monday, August 14th from 7:00-8:30 pm

Liberation Theology: What is it? Who began it? Why is it relevant today? We are honored to have Dr. Jeanette Rodriguez, professor of Theology at Seattle University. She will share her expertise on Latin American Liberation Theology and will lead us in a discussion on the implications it has on the issues of our day. Please join us. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

"To be followers of Jesus requires that they walk with and be committed to the poor; when they do, they experience an encounter with the Lord who is simultaneously revealed and hidden in the faces of the poor." ~ Gustavo Gutierrez

TENT CITY AT ST. JOSEPH

Tent City Information

If you want to help with Tent City while they are our guests this summer, please email Deacon Steve at stevew@ stjosephparish.org to see how you can assist.

Calendar of Events

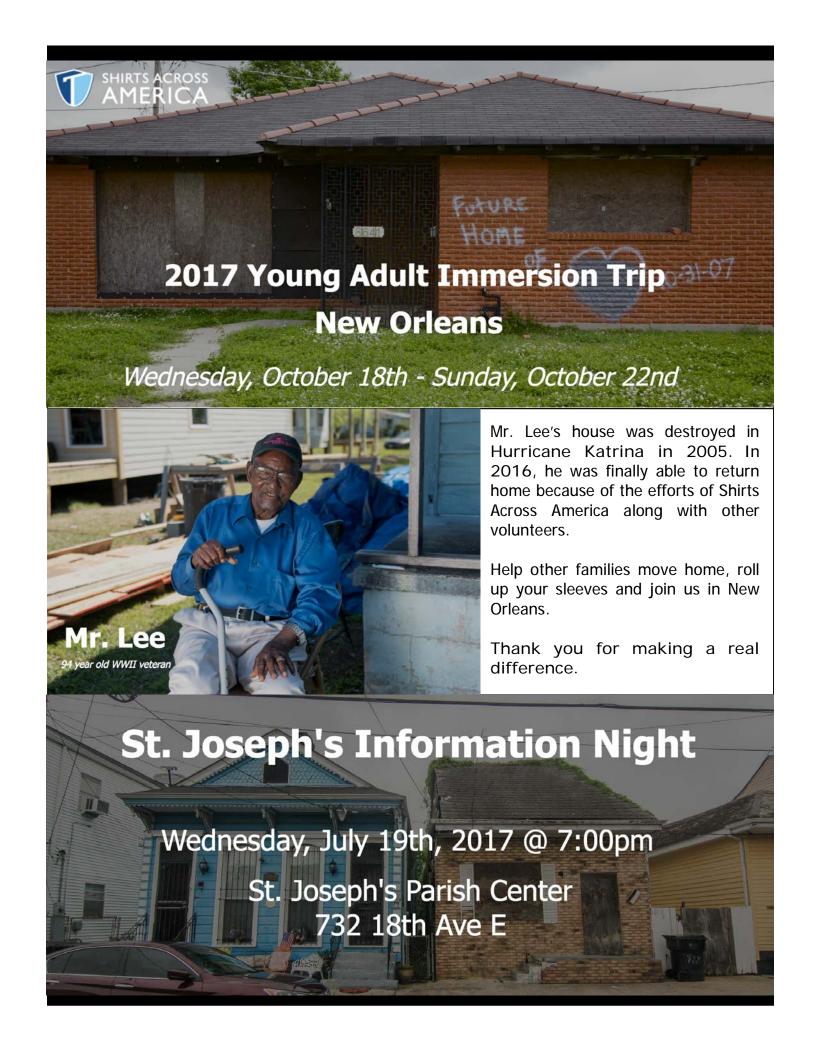
Here is our current Calendar of events while Tent City is here and who to contact if you want to volunteer. Our goal is to have at least one parish sponsored event each week. If you have ideas for additional events and/or want to take the lead on hosting a dinner or other type of gathering, let me know at stevew@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1646.

- Friday, July 21st 7:00 10:30 pm Parish Social Hall. Pizza and Movie Night. Need volunteers to get pizza from Costco, buy salad, beverages, snacks and desserts. To help contact john.v.kew.ii@gmail.com
- Wednesday, August 2nd 6:30 8:30 pm on the Plaza. Parish Barbecue to celebrate St. Peter Faber, S.J. Hosted by St. Joseph's Men's Ministry, we need help with set-up, cooking, serving and cleanup. Contact Deacon Steve at stevew@stjosephparish.org to assist.

If you are willing to take the special Tent City cell phone, in case of emergency calls on evenings and weekends for a week or two this summer, please call or email Deacon Steve at stevew@stjosephparish.org or (206) 965 - 1646. (Last summer we received a total of six calls, half were questions about donations!)

Tent City 3 now has an Amazon Wish List!!: http://amzn.to/1Ukse66







FAITH JUSTICE

Cabrini Ministry Training

Share the Compassion of Christ

Are you being called by God to bring a compassionate presence to those in need? Are you interested in learning the listening, communication, and prayer skills that can increase your effectiveness as a lay minister? Then Cabrini Ministry Training is for you! Register now for our 6-month formation program that begins in October, or for our 1-day "Accompaniment" Workshop scheduled for Saturday, September 16. Get more information at www.cabriniministry.org or 206-760-0583 x3.

Seattle JV EnCorps

Intentional Service and Welcoming Spiritual Community. Jesuit Volunteer EnCorps (JV EnCorps) is now accepting applications for 2017-18! JV EnCorps, a program of JVC Northwest, facilitates transformative opportunities for service, community and spiritual formation for adults 50 and older who are committed to social and ecological justice. During their ten months of part-time volunteer service, participants meet regularly in community to deepen their spirituality and explore the values of community, simple living and social & ecological justice. Priority application deadline: August 15th. For more information: JVESeattle@jvcnorthwest.org or www.jvencorps.org.

Faith Justice Commission

St. Joseph's Faith Justice Commission is seeking new members. The Faith Justice Commission builds a community of gospel love and care at St. Joseph by sharing information and promoting opportunities for parishioners to engage in direct service with those in need, assisting in those events or programs that build greater companionship with the poor or marginalized, and developing collaborative avenues of advocacy to transform structures of poverty and displacement. We meet on five Monday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the Parish Center. Meeting dates are: Sept. 25, Nov. 20th, Jan. 22nd, March 19th, and May 21st. Ministries we currently support include St. Martin de Porres Shelter, Francis House and our Sister Parish in El Salvador to name a few. We also coordinate the Alternative Christmas Bazaar, Giving Tree, Epiphany Dinner and We are St. Joseph's Service Days. If interested please contact Deacon Steve at stevew@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1646. We are looking for 2-4 new members who can commit to either a 2 or 3 year term.



FAITH FORMATION

Come and See What the Catholic Faith Has To Offer

Tuesday July 18th - 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm - St. Joseph's Parish Center

- Are you, your spouse, a friend, or an acquaintance a member of another faith tradition but worship regularly here at St. Joseph's?
- 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 Wodzanowski at 965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org

All are welcome in this journey of faith!



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