

Sunday, October 1, 2017 * Twenty-Sixth Sunday of the Year * www.stjosephparish.org

ST. JOSEPH PARISH

THE JESUIT PARISH IN SEATTLE



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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 1, 2017

Homily This Week: John D. Whitney, S.J.
Homily Next Week: Julian Climaco, S.J.

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday - 5 pm
Sunday - 9:00 am, 11 am & 5:30 pm

Readings for October 8, 2017

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 5:1-7
SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 4:6-9
GOSPEL: MATTHEW 21:33-43

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday - Friday, 7 am, Parish Center

Reconciliation

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

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Monday-Thursday - 8 am - 4:30 pm

Friday - 8 am - 3:00 pm

Saturday - 9 am - 1 pm

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Discernment, Indifference, and Love

After meeting for many sessions, there was a cleavage of sentiments and opinions about our situation. While we all had one mind and heart in seeking God's gracious and perfect will, according to the scope of our vocations, nevertheless, we held diverse views regarding the more readily effective and fruitful ways of achieving God's will for ourselves and for others. . . We settled on this: that we would give ourselves to prayer, Masses, and meditations more fervently than usual, and after doing our very best, we would, for the rest, cast all our concerns on the Lord, hoping in him.

-The Deliberation of the First Fathers (1539)-

The year was 1539. Ten men, all recently ordained to the priesthood, all of whom possessed Masters degrees from various schools of the University of Paris, and all of whom had committed themselves, individually, to serve God and the Church, gathered in Rome to put themselves under the guidance of the Pope. Already, the Pope, seeing in these zealous and well-educated young men a chance to bring reform and revitalization to the Church, had offered several of them assignments in various diocese across Europe; and one was even scheduled to go farther, fulfilling the request of King John of Portugal for a missionary leader in India. Suddenly, the friendship they had formed in Paris, where they had come to together in prayer and service among the poor, seemed imperiled. They had no leader nor leadership structure to hold them together—when asked whom they served, each man had determined to say that he was, simply, a *Companion of Jesus*—and now, faced with impending separation, they wondered if this, indeed, was the end of their time with each other, if this companionship, formed by love alone, was now drawing to a close.

Even without bonds of authority, they had already been through much together. Moved by the *Spiritual Exercises* of their oldest member, Ignatius, they had grown close during the years in Paris—united in a way that often scared their parents, who saw all the plans they had for their sons ruined by this new religious zeal. On the Feast of the Assumption, 1534, several of these young men, along with Ignatius, had made personal vows of poverty in a small chapel in Montmartre, where they had also committed to go to Jerusalem. The others had followed this example on the same feast on each of the next two years. Planning for this trip to the Holy Land, and working among the poor, they had spent almost a year together, after college, in Venice. And when they could not get permission to travel east, they had decided to go together to Rome, to serve God by allowing the Pope to send them wherever they were needed. Now, the Pope was about to do just that, and the end of their companionship—as it became more real—led them to talk seriously about the future.

While the title may sound imposing—i.e., *The Deliberation of the First Fathers* (or *Deliberatio primorum Patrum*, in the original Latin)—the idea behind this series of meetings is simple: ten relatively young men (even Ignatius, the oldest by nearly 20 years, was only 52 at the time) wanted to figure out what their common future

should be, or if they had a common future. Should they request of the Pope to be made a new religious order, or should they simply separate as friends, carrying their graces with them? Should they vow themselves to one of their own, or remain free to go wherever they are asked, each by the light of his own conscience? These were real questions for these men, questions that would determine how or if they would remain united in the years to come.

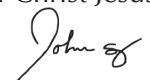
However, what makes this gathering unique is not just the product that comes out of their reflection (i.e., the founding of the Society of Jesus), but the way by which the first Companions approach the reflection itself. Rather than each one looking to get what he wants, to make up his mind and persuade the others, these friends spend days in prayer and contemplation, seeking to attain a level of “indifference” to whatever is decided. This indifference is not apathy nor disinterest; rather, it is a passionate desire, in the heart of each of them, to do only that which God wants, instead of what ego or self-interest, personal prejudice or emotional feeling would have them do. Such indifference finds its root in the *Spiritual Exercises*—which each of them had experienced individually—where the exercitant seeks to be placed, completely, in the hands of God, choosing only that which will give God greater honor and glory. This is the passion at the heart of Ignatian indifference, the deep desire to which one tries to subdue all lesser desires. This is the sense of freedom that the Companions seek, in which no lesser love than God holds sway.

In the *Deliberation of the First Fathers*, we find the earliest example of communal apostolic discernment—i.e., the first example of a group, and not just an individual, trying to apply the principles of spiritual discernment. Here, the discernment does not belong to just one person, since there is no leader to whom the rest of the group is meant to defer; rather, in this case, the “chief discernor” is the group itself—the ten brothers, gathered together in prayer and reflection. Thus, each decision entails mutual reflection and genuine openness, a willingness to speak up, and then surrender one’s will to the will of the majority—believing always that the Spirit of God is at work, and that if each member of the community opens himself to that Spirit, through indifference, the decisions made can be guided by grace and supported by God’s mercy. In an age and culture which too often sees the opponent as the enemy and disagreement as disloyalty, such a vision seems almost impossible to imagine. Yet, in the *Deliberations*, we see how love of one another and trust in the God who has entered the world and promises to remain with us until the end of the age can undermine cynicism and the need to be right, which so often emerges in fearful and defensive people. For these first Companions, there is no alternative truth, but only

the one truth rooted in the will of God. Our task, then, is to try to attain sufficient freedom—to minimize the noise of ego and fear—so that the Spirit might speak to our hearts. Thus, the Companions are able to assume contrary positions—one day arguing for one side, one day arguing for the other—until the blessing of the Spirit, given to each one by the grace of God, is sifted out and made attainable to the community at large.

Looking back at the beginning of the Jesuits, our vision is easily colored by nearly 500 years of history. From such a distance, we can idealize the *Deliberations* or consider as inevitable their results. *Of course the Society had to be founded and of course Ignatius, who had gathered these Companions in the first place, had to be elected as their leader.* Yet, such a sense of retroactive inevitability blinds us to the real work that discernment entails for the first Companions, and always entails. It keeps us from noticing that the limitations we feel have been felt before, and that the faith we need to marshal has been marshaled before, and can be marshaled by us. We are called to discernment, which means we are called, as well, to the freedom that comes from indifference built on love. Such indifference, such discernment, requires work—requires prayer and sacrifice, a willingness to set aside our own need to be right and a willingness to believe that God is at work even in those people with whom I disagree. Yet, if we take up this work, if we consider—with honesty and commitment—not just our own position but the position of those with whom we disagree, if we believe that God still loves us and is still willing to intrude into our community, then we might just find the freedom to do something wonderful for God.

In the coming weeks and months, St. Joseph will be engaged in our own difficult work of discernment, as we begin to consider how we might better use the resources that have been entrusted to us to live out the mission and vision of our Parish. Though different from the purely communal discernment found in the *Deliberation of the First Fathers* (as Pastor, I am charged by the Church and the Society to act as chief discernor), my hope is that we can come close to this privileged model—that each of us can contribute with passion and indifference to the dialogue we take up; that we can disagree with love, knowing that the Spirit comes forth through the purifying actions of debate, and trusting that each of us has the good of all (i.e., the will of God) as her or his deepest desire. I hope many will come to the listening sessions (the schedule is in this week’s bulletin) and that more will respond to the survey to follow. But I hope, especially, that all will pray that God, who has begun this good work in St. Joseph will see it through to the day of Christ Jesus.



TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Please take a moment to silence your cell phones.

Entrance Song

(9&11) All Are Welcome

Haugen

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell And
2. Let us build a house where hands will reach Be -
3. Let us build a house where all are named, Their
all can safe - ly live, A place where saints and
yond the wood and stone To heal and strength - en,
songs and vi - sions heard And loved and treas - ured,
chil - dren tell How hearts learn to for - give. Built of
serve and teach, And live the Word they've known. Here the
taught and claimed As words with - in the Word. Built of
hopes and dreams and vi - sions, Rock of faith and vault of
out - cast and the stran - ger Bear the im - gae of God's
tears and cries and laugh - ter, Prayers of faith and songs of
grace; Here the love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
face; Let us bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
grace, Let this house pro-claim from floor to raft - er:
All are wel-come, all are wel-come, all are wel-come in this place.

(5:30) Holy Spirit, Come To Us

Taize

Ho - ly Spi - rit, come to us, kin - dle in us the fire of your love.
Ho - ly Spi - rit, come to us. Ho - ly Spi - rit, come to us.

Gloria

See Cards In Pews

First Reading

Ezekiel 18:25-28

Thus says the LORD: You say, "The LORD's way is not fair!" Hear now, house of Israel: Is it my way that is unfair, or rather, are not your ways unfair? When someone virtuous turns away from virtue to commit iniquity, and dies, it is because of the iniquity he committed that he

must die. But if he turns from the wickedness he has committed, he does what is right and just, he shall preserve his life; since he has turned away from all the sins that he has committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 25

Mayernik



O LORD, make me know your ways. Teach me your paths.
Guide me in your truth, and teach me; for you are the God of my salvation.

Remember your compassion, O LORD, and your merciful love, for they are from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions.
In your merciful love remember me, because of your goodness, O LORD.

Good and upright is the LORD; he shows the way to sinners.
He guides the humble in right judgment; to the humble he teaches his way.

Second Reading

Philippians 2:1-11

Brothers and sisters: If there is any encouragement in Christ, any solace in love, any participation in the Spirit, any compassion and mercy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing. Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others.

Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus,

Who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
something to be grasped.

Rather, he emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
coming in human likeness;
and found human in appearance,
he humbled himself,
becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.

Because of this, God greatly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name
which is above every name,
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
of those in heaven and
on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess that
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.



Gospel Acclamation

Traditional Syrian



Gospel

Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: "What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He came to the first and said, 'Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.' He said in reply, 'I will not, ' but afterwards changed his mind and went. The man came to the other son and gave the same order. He said in reply, 'Yes, sir, 'but did not go. Which of the two did his father's will?" They answered, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you. When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him."



Homily

John D. Whitney, S.J.

Offertory Song

Peace Prayer Of St. Francis

Latona



Lord, make of me an instrument of thy peace. Where there is hatred let me sow thy love. Where there is injury, thy pardon Lord. And where's there's doubt, true faith in thee. *REF*

Where there is discord, let me bring accord. Where there is falsehood, only thy truth. Where there is despair, only thy hope; Where there is darkness, light. Where there is sadness, everlasting joy. *REF*

O master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console those in need. To be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love one another. *REF*



Holy, Holy, Holy

Mass of Wisdom

Janco

5 Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly — Lord God of hosts.

Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na!

12 Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na in the high-est.

Mystery of Faith

We pro - claim your death, O Lord, and pro - fess your

re - sur - rec - tion, un - til you come a - gain.

Great Amen

A - men. A - men. A - men.

Lamb of God

Cantor *All*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have

3 *Cantor* *All*

mer - cy on — us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sins of world, — grant — us — peace. —

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.**

Communion Songs

Here I Am, Lord

Schutte

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save.
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

I who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
 I will break their hearts of stone. Give them hearts for love a - lone.
 Fin-est bread I will pro-vide Till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you
 call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
 I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

Gusten Y Ve-an

Alonso

Refrain

Gus-ten y ve-an, gus-ten y ve-an qué bue-no es el Se-ñor, qué
 bue-no es el Se-ñor. Taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord.

Verses

Cantor *All* *Cantor* *All*
 ¡Gus-ten y ve - an! Taste and see the
 good-ness of the Lord, qué bue-no es el Se - ñor.

Prayer for the Season of Creation

God, Creator of the Universe:

You have made the earth and all that lives upon it,

Have given us grain and grape,

The mighty oak and flowers in the field.

You have made us companions with the birds of the sky

And the fish of the sea,

With the powerful lion and the gentle lamb,

With all that crawls or flies, swims or walks upon the earth.

You have made us one with water and with air,

With spirit and with flesh.

And in the life of your beloved Son,

You have made us one with you,

Living with you in this, our common home.

Help us to love this earth, in all its wonder and its grace,

And to love our sisters and our brothers,

Who shine with your light, now and forever.

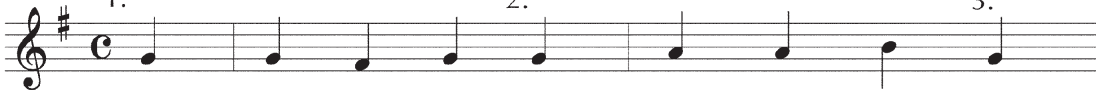
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Song Of Praise


Diverse In Culture, Nation, Race TALLIS CANNON/Duck

*1. 2. 3.




1. Di - verse in cul - ture, na - tion, race, We
 2. God, let us be a bridge of care Con -
 3. When cha - sms wid - en, storms a - rise, O
 4. God, let us be a ta - ble spread With

4.



come to - geth - er by your grace. God, let us be a
 nect - ing peo - ple ev - 'ry - where. Help us con - front all
 Ho - ly Spir - it, make us wise. Let our re - solve, like
 gifts of love and bro - ken bread, Where all find wel - come,



meet - ing ground Where hope and heal - ing love are found.
 fear and hate And lust for pow'r that sep - a - rate.
 steel, be strong To stand with those who suf - fer wrong.
 grace at - tends, And en - e - mies a - rise as friends.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOSEPH

Sunday

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

Monday

7:00 AM Mass
1:00 PM Blood Drive
7:00 PM Sacred Silence
7:00 PM Holy Rosary Group

Tuesday

7:00 AM Mass
7:00 PM Yoga

Wednesday

7:00 AM Mass

Thursday

7:00 AM Mass
7:00 PM Holy Hour

Friday

7:00 AM Mass
11:30 AM Anointing Mass

Saturday

3:30 PM Weekly Reconciliation
5:00 PM Vigil Mass

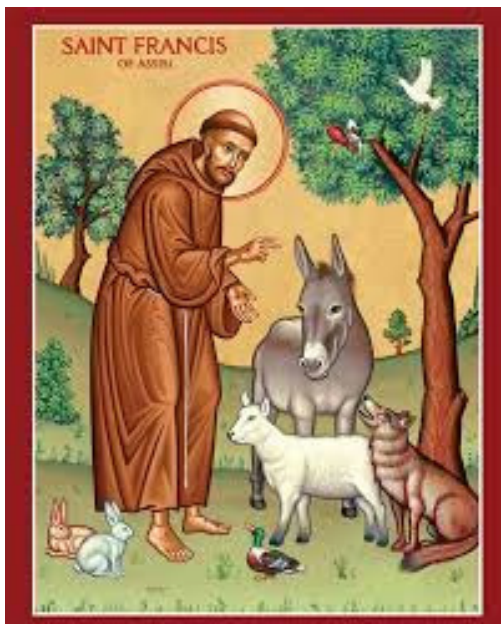
LITURGY AND WORSHIP

Ecumenical Blessing of the Animals on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

Wednesday, October 4 | 6:00 PM
Outside on front lawn of St. Joseph Parish, Seattle

We continue the tradition of blessing all animals with shared prayer open to all. Please bring your pets for a blessing in honor of St. Francis of Assisi as a sign of our care for God's Creation.

Sponsored by: St. Joseph Parish, IPJC & Earth Ministry



Music Ministry

Last chance to sign up for the fall season of the St. Joseph Children's Choir "Joyful Voices"! The Children's choir will sing the 9 am mass on Sunday October 15th and there are two rehearsals on Thursdays, October 5th & October 12th from 5:30-6:30 p.m. All school age children are welcome, as long as they are able to focus on singing through both rehearsals and the Mass. Parents of younger kids may need to sit with them and help them through the music. To sign up or for more information, please contact Jen or Matt Tilghman-Havens at j.tilghmanhavens@gmail.com and mtilghmanhavens@gmail.com

Parish Holy Hour

Thursday, October 5th, 7 - 8 pm, join the Choose Life Ministry for a Rosary with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, in the Loyola Chapel of the Parish Center. Refreshments to follow. All are welcome!



LITURGY AND WORSHIP

Contemplative Prayer Experiences

The first of our Contemplative Prayer events sponsored by the Liturgy and Worship Commission will be next **Sunday, October 8 from 4:15 - 5 p.m. in the church.** This series of events is designed to offer parishioners the opportunity to learn about, and get a taste of, some of the prayer experiences that are already part of the St. Joseph community life.

"Silence is God's first language; everything else is a poor translation." - Fr. Thomas Keating

Come and learn about the Centering Prayer method as taught by Father Thomas Keating and Contemplative Outreach. Try Centering Prayer out for a short sit (only 15 minutes!) in a supportive environment. No RSVP required. Prepare yourself to be refreshed and renewed sitting in silence with God! Contact Allison Rabbitt if you have questions at 206-683-6569. This introductory session will take place in the church. Program details:

4:15 PM Meet and Greet

4:30 PM Overview of Centering Prayer (led by Paul Peterhans)

4:40 PM 15 minute 'sit' (led by Gordon Coffey)

4:55 PM Centering Prayer 'sit' concludes. Participants can leave or stay for for the 5:30 Contemplative Mass which is preceded by 30 minutes of quiet from 5-5:30.

Future Contemplative Prayer events:

- SACRED SILENCE - December 3
- IGNATIAN CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER - February 4
- TAIZE PRAYER - February 25

Need for Eucharistic Ministers

Eucharistic Ministers have a special delight and joy in sharing the Body and Blood of Christ with the "Body Of Christ." That is to say, we who are gathered to celebrate the paschal mystery: the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. They have a gift for being truly present to others in this brief moment they have and speak their own faith in these few words while calling forth the faith of the communicant in their response. This ministry is open to all youth and adults who love the Eucharist, received the sacrament of Confirmation, and who strive to show Christ's love in their daily living.

Get Involved

For more information and to become part of this important ministry, please visit the parish website or contact Ministry Lead, Mary Sepulveda at eucharisticministers@stjosephparish.org. Ministers are needed especially for 5PM Saturday, 11AM Sunday and 5:30 PM Sunday.

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



Tree intentions: For Ethan a much loved five year old son . . . For Bob who has taken on a job that has lots of "small print" in his job description . . . Welcome to our Overnight Winter Shelter group that begins this week . . . For Jason's guidance in his upcoming decisions.

*"... Complete my joy by being of the same mind,
With the same love,
united in heart, thinking one thing."*

~Philippians 2:2

Come Pray With Us! - Monday Night Prayer Groups

Join us in prayer on **Monday, October 2nd 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 sacredsilence@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.

FAITH FORMATION



Pathfinders Youth Group at St. Joseph Parish

Did you know this year begins the 15th year of our middle school youth group? Pathfinders—open to all 6th, 7th, and 8th graders—began with a small group of youth and a handful of adult parishioners back in September 2002 under a newly appointed youth minister. We have seen the group grow and flourish for hundreds of youth over the years, through service, community, and faith-oriented activities. **Pathfinders is currently seeking adult volunteers** interested in having a positive impact on our middle school youth this 2017-2018 school year. Come be a part of it! Please contact Dottie Farewell at dfarewell@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1652 to learn how you can help with this vibrant ministry.

Attention All Students in Grades 6th, 7th , & 8th

St. Joseph Parish is hosting a middle school focus group and we need to hear from you! Please contact Dottie Farewell at dfarewell@stjosephparish.org for more information.

Online Bible Study

Did you know that St. Joseph 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/>

Adult Faith Formation

St. Joseph's Adult Faith Formation Committee is seeking new members! Adult Faith Formation nurtures the life of the parish by providing formation programs that meet the spiritual and intellectual hunger of our parishioners. We hope to companion people on the journey as they mature in faith.

The Adult Faith Formation Committee helps to develop the programs for our community, through the study of scripture, church doctrine and history, study of the sacraments, Catholic social teachings and moral development, the lives of the saints, and finally Ignatian Spirituality and discernment. We do this through evening events, formation series, and multi-media platforms.

We are also seeking technology talented individuals to help launch our "Catechetical Moment of the Week" video series or other platforms through which we can connect with our parishioners such as Facebook Live or potential online learning opportunities.

If you are interested, please contact Theresa Lukasik at theresaL@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1651. We are looking for 4-6 new members who can commit to a 1-3 year term.

High School Confirmation Registration is open now!

High School Confirmation begins October 8th. An information meeting for parents and students will be Wednesday, October 4th at 8:00 PM in the Brebeuf room, Parish Center with our High School Youth Group. To register, visit our Homepage tile Let's Get Started www.stjosephparish.org Questions? Please contact Theresa at theresaL@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1651. Deadline to register is October 6th!

The VOICE High School Youth Group

THE VOICE Youth Group Kicks Off! The Voice, St. Joseph's High School Youth community, invites ALL 9th - 12th grade students to join us on Wednesday nights from 7-8:30 at St. Joseph's Parish Center. Come join for food, friends and games. As members of the Voice, high schoolers may apply to this year's Shirts Across America Trip in June 2018!

Please contact Sam Kennedy at samkennedy09@gmail.com with any questions.



FAITH FORMATION

Children's Faith Formation 2017-2018

The CFF program continues to flourish with the participation of so many children and youth in grades Pre-K thru Junior High. This is a program that takes many hands and hearts to provide strong and consistent faith formation for our youngest parishioners. Children's Faith Formation begins **Sunday, October 1st** for children pre-school age thru junior high. Register now! To volunteer, please contact Dottie at dfarewell@stjosephparish.org

Course Offerings

Scholarships available for all our course offerings!

Children's Faith Formation Childcare: During the 9am Mass for children 1-3 years old. This is a time for your child to begin experiencing church through playtime. Children are supervised by a paid adult and volunteer youth. Child Care during 9am Mass in the Social Hall. Please visit our Homepage tile Let's Get Started and sign up under Children's Faith Formation. Open year-round, register at any time. The annual fee is \$50.

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

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

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

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

Children's Faith Formation Year 3 & 4 (CFF 3/4): This class is for children to reflect, learn, and continue to practice their faith. We will continue to use arts, scripture studies, and community building activities to strengthen our faith and knowledge of the Church. The annual fee is \$30.

Children's Faith Formation Year 5 & 6 (CFF 5/6): This class for youth in 5th & 6th grades focuses on the liturgy, Church teachings and growing faith through prayer. The annual fee is \$30.

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

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

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

Altar Server Program

St. Joseph Parish is looking for students interested in altar serving at Sunday Masses throughout the year. This is a great service opportunity as well as helpful participation. If you are in 5th thru 8th grade and would like to learn more, please contact Dottie Farewell at dfarewell@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1652.

PARISH LIFE



Men's Ministry Fall Retreat

Patient Trust - Stay patient, trust your journey.

October 20-22, 2017

- Location: Camp Casey, Whidbey Island - 1276 S Engle Rd, Coupeville, WA 98239 | Carpooling Options | Bring toiletries, a sleeping bag, pillow & towel.
- All meals included on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday - bring snacks and beverages to share on Friday
- Free time on Saturday Afternoon
- Saturday evening liturgy
- Register at www.stjosephparish.org to reserve a spot – Cost \$150

Questions? Contact Deacon Steve at stevew@stjosephparish.org

Seniors On The Go

Wednesday, October 4th - Please join us to see the play "RELATIVITY" at the Taproot Theatre, 2 pm matinee. Cost is \$10.00 per ticket. Please bring a lunch. We will leave the Parish Center at 11:45 am and arrive back around 4:15 pm. To register and pre-pay for tickets contact Renee at (206) 324-2522 ext 100 or rleet@stjosephparish.org

Friday, October 6th - Anointing Mass at 11:30 am followed by a wonderful lunch in the Parish Center. Come join us!

Mental Health Awareness Month

October 1st -7th is Mental Health Awareness Week. Did you know that nearly 1 in 5 adults in the US experience mental illness in a given year? That one half of all chronic mental illness begins by the age of 14; three-fourths by the age of 24? That 46% of homeless adults live with mental illness and/or substance use disorder? Our faith communities can be an important part of the recovery process through education, support and by helping individuals and families feel part of a caring community. Learn more! Go to www.nami.org/NAMIFaithnet

Blood Drive

Monday, October 2nd, 1 - 7 pm

Call Renee to make an appointment at 206.324.2522 ext 100 or sign up at table in the vestibule after Mass

Moms Gatherings

Join other Moms to connect & reflect. All ages & stages welcome! Led by Author/Speaker/Coach Cara Meredith

Sundays October 8, 15, 22, & 28, 2017 from 10:15-11:45 AM in Social Hall classroom.

Childcare Available ~ Attend any number of sessions

Drop-ins welcome ~ \$30 fee includes childcare

Please contact women@stjosephparish.org or stevew@stjosephparish.org for questions or to sign up.



Following The Stars, Discerning Our Future Together!

We have committed ourselves to be "*ignited by the eucharist to love and serve*", but what does that mean as we look to the future? How does the use of our resources, especially our physical plant, e.g. the underneath of the church (old gym & social hall) serve the mission to which we are called in the coming years?

Come to one of our listening sessions so that we might discern our future together!

Listening Sessions

October 9, Monday, 7pm

October 11, Wednesday, 7pm

October 15, Sunday, 12:30 pm

Join us!



FAITH JUSTICE

St. Joseph Winter Shelter Volunteers Needed

The St. Joseph Winter Shelter provides overnight shelter and “meal bags” for fourteen homeless men, age 50 and older, five nights a week from October through April.

Get Involved: Please consider volunteering as a host. Hosts work in pairs and sign up for a specific night once a month. The two hosts spending the night provide hospitality and a sense of community. Meal providers use their own funds to prepare a meal for the men to take the next morning. They are scheduled on the day of their choice once a month or every six weeks.

Right now we need 6-8 folks who can volunteer one night a month. If you are interested, please contact Deacon Steve at 206-965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org

St. Vincent de Paul

St. Vincent de Paul volunteers encounter lots of people down on their luck. But every now and then, we visit someone whose troubles seem to have no end. “John” had just undergone his second surgery for a broken back. The brace he wore held him erect but in a most constricting way. He was most uncomfortable. He had at least four more surgeries—and the struggle to be declared disabled. Living on less than \$200 a month, he needed help with rent—that was all he had asked for. But his food stamp allotment of \$120 a month did not cover his needs. We covered his rent and provided some food cards for Safeway. Most grateful for this help, “John” cheerfully said “I’ll get better.” We pray he will and thank you St. Joseph Parishioners for your support!



Prison Re-entry Program

We are looking for parishioners to be part of our “RE-ENTRY SUPPORT TEAM”. Please join us for an informational gathering on **Monday, October 2nd 7-8:30 pm in the Parish Center.**
