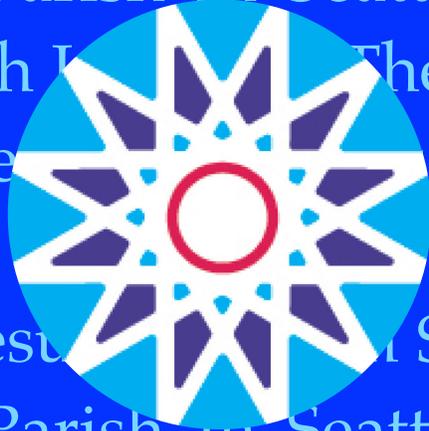
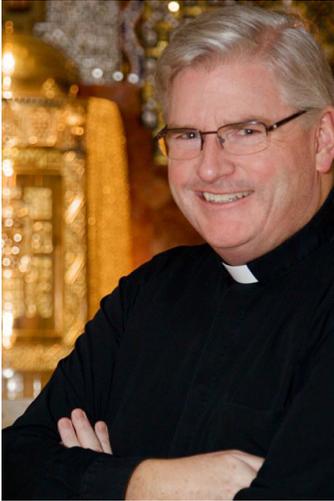


The  
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St. Joseph Parish  
2017-2018





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

*We must restore hope to young people, help the old, be open to the future, spread love. Be poor among the poor. We need to include the excluded and preach peace.*

*-Pope Francis-*

Dear Friends and Companions:

Peace of Christ!

A little over eight years ago, when I arrived at St. Joseph, the Parish had just approved its mission statement: *“Ignited by the Eucharist to love and serve.”* Receiving this statement as a mandate from the community, I invited us to begin a process of reflection upon our identity and our vision—i.e., how we might best live that mission. From that process has come a wonderful renaissance of engagement and initiative, of hospitality and hope. We have begun new programs to invite participation, to welcome newcomers, and to let those women and men who have sometimes felt pushed away from the Church know that they have a place at the table. We have initiated a commission system by which more voices may be heard, and have encouraged people inspired by the Spirit to try new things. Not everything has worked, but much has—and even our setbacks have allowed us to discern more clearly who we are called to be.

We have also grown richer as a community by welcoming hundreds of new members—both Catholics looking for an energized community and people of other faiths who have entered our RCIA programs. We have become what Ignatius calls *“friends in the Lord”* with people on the margins: by hosting our sisters and brothers at Tent City, by offering refuge and community to the Saadawi family from Iraq, by deepening our ties with our Sister Parish in El Salvador, and by partnering with such groups as St. Francis House, St. Martin de Porres, St. Vincent de Paul, and Noël House. We have become part of the newly-minted Jesuits West Province of the Society of Jesus, and are helping to form an association of Jesuit ministries in this region and a nascent affiliation of Jesuit grade schools across the country.

At the center of all of this wonderful growth, of course, has been the Holy Spirit: given to us through the gift of Eucharist, through the power of the Word, and through the blessing of one another. God has worked through us and is working through us, and the good that we see is the grace of God, saving the world through each one of us and through all of us together.

As you read the following pages, I hope you will see the hand of God, as I see it, laboring in the work of St. Joseph Parish—lifting up the poor, welcoming the stranger, comforting the widow and the orphan, teaching our children, opening the Word, blessing our celebrations and feeding us with the Body and Blood of Christ. All this is gift, given so that we, the People of God at St. Joseph, might go forth renewed from this altar out to the altar of the world.

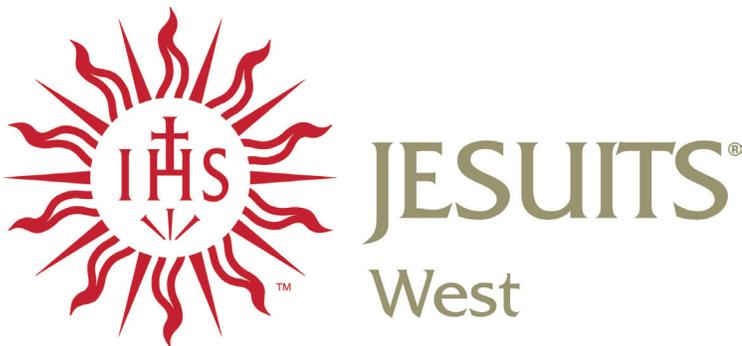
If St. Joseph is already your parish, I hope you will see yourself reflected in this report. If St. Joseph is not yet your parish, I hope you will feel invited. And if you are already a member of another Parish, or of a different faith community, or if you are not yet ready to commit, I hope you will know that you are always welcome here, among all of us sinners, whom God has *“ignited by the Eucharist to love and serve.”*

Yours in the Mercy of God,

John D. Whitney, S.J.  
Pastor

P.S. To quote the African proverb: *without you there can be no us*. If you are attracted to St. Joseph, and especially if you consider it *“your church,”* we need you to become a full and active member of this community, and to commit yourself to these three steps (some of which you may already have accomplished):

- 1. ACTIVATE:** If you have never done so, please register officially as a member of St. Joseph, either online or by dropping a written form into the collection basket or by the office. This need only be done once;
- 2. AFFIRM:** Each year, please send in a pledge card, telling us that you choose to be a part of this community, giving whatever you can—prayer, especially, and financial support, if you are able;
- 3. PARTICIPATE:** Everything at St. Joseph depends on those who share its life, in whatever way you can: come to Mass, serve in a ministry, sustain the poor, learn the faith—proclaim the Gospel in companionship with all of us. We are on a good road, but you will make it better.



*Through the Ordinary*

*It is through the ordinary,  
through ordinary eyes and hands,  
through our flesh and blood  
and the flesh and blood of our children,  
that a Great Power comes into the world.*

*Through simple lives, humble and forgotten,  
the Spirit races through the world  
touching everyone, touching everything  
with a sovereign dignity, with a forgetfulness of self,  
surrounding all with an incomprehensible silence  
that, for those who hear it becomes  
the sound of spirits singing.*

*And it does not matter whether we move  
forward or backward in time,  
flesh and blood are there,  
and the Silence,  
and this immense Song  
which we, too, can sing  
if only we allow it to enter  
our ordinary bodies and change us  
into something entirely new.*

*Pat Twohy, S.J.*



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## Your Gifts & Their Use: The Financials of St. Joseph

I am pleased to present our financials for the fiscal year 2016-2017. With the generous help of so many in our community, we have made significant investments for the future.

In this fiscal year we have, in addition to our 76 ministries:

- Continued to actively reduce the remaining balance due to the school from the Centennial Campaign shortfall. As of June 30, 2017, our remaining balance is \$161,744;
- Managed our finances so that we are in a better position to respond to emerging needs;
- Welcomed Tent City for a second year;
- Hosted a refugee family;
- Held three newcomer gatherings and five welcome events;
- Held the second annual Lunch & Learn session to provide information about planned giving;
- Reached our goal of \$1.6 million for the Painting and Restoration of our Church and formed a Restoration Advisory Committee to help guide us throughout the next steps;
- Co-hosted a regional Ministry Enrichment Gathering;
- Expanded and strengthened the Women's and Seniors On The Go Ministries;
- Hired an Assistant Director of Religious Education to help us continue to strengthen and expand our Children and Adult Faith Formation programs;
- Prepared for our next Strategic Planning process.

Let us not forget how we as a community respond to the call for help. We have been able to generously give of our bounty to those in need: St. Martin de Porres, Noël House, Seattle Nativity, St. Francis House, St. Mary's Food Bank, Mary's Place, Catholic Relief Services, Jesuit Refugee Services, Catholic Community Services, Shirts Across America, International Rescue Committee, Ignatian Spirituality Center, Ignatian Spirituality Project, Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life, Intercommunity Peace and Justice Center and, as always financial aid for children of St. Joseph parishioners who attend the school.

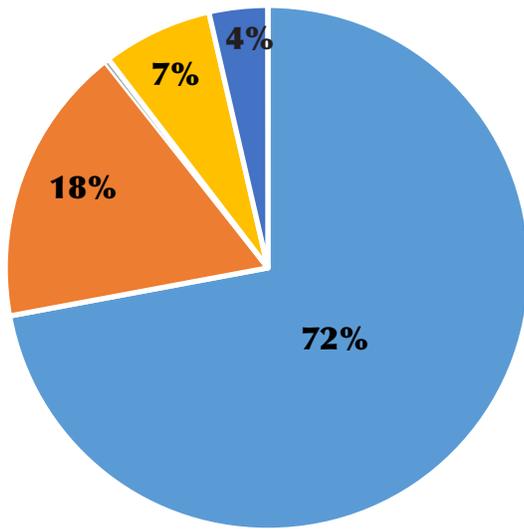
During the coming year, we look forward to envisioning how we will fulfill our community mission and vision going forward. Please be sure to let your voice be heard, by attending one of our upcoming listening sessions or completing the parish survey in the coming weeks.

I am so grateful for the opportunity to serve the St. Joseph community: through your continued support we grow stronger together - to love and serve.

With gratitude,

Rebecca Frisino  
Pastoral Assistant for Administration

## PARISH REVENUE



- Sunday Collections & Stewardship Gifts
- Remembrances, Devotions & Targeted Fundraisers
- Net Restricted Donations\*
- Business Revenue
- Program Revenue

\*Amounts representing less than 1% of total revenue not shown in graph. This number does not include gifts designated for painting and restoration, which will be reflected in our financials when spent.

Sunday Collections & Stewardship Gifts	<b>\$1,563,196</b>
Remembrances, Devotions & Targeted Fundraisers	<b>375,168</b>
Net Restricted Donations	<b>5,855</b>
Business Revenue - facility rental, interest, admin fees, etc.	<b>146,789</b>
Program Revenue - Adult & Children's Faith Formation	<b>78,120</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$2,169,129</b>

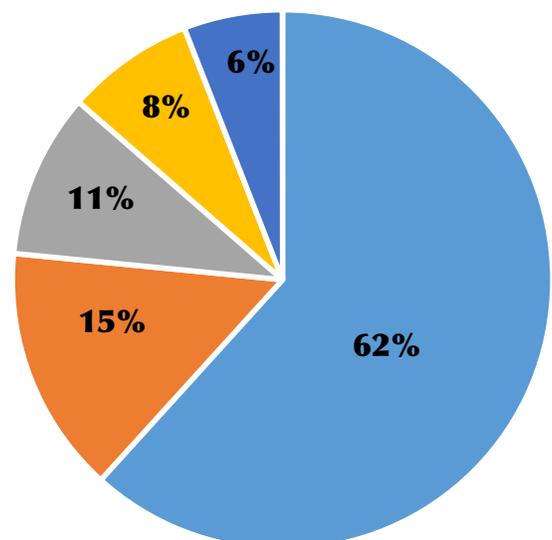
### Behind The Numbers...

Beyond the abstractions of these numbers are hundreds of parishioners: donors & volunteers, parents & singles, young families & generational supporters, who create & enliven St. Joseph every day. We are grateful for every person who loves & serves our community.

## THE REVENUE & EXPENSES OF ST. JOSEPH PARISH

Administration - communications, compensation, supplies	<b>\$1,277,578</b>
Buildings & Grounds - Church Building, Parish Center	<b>306,657</b>
School Support	<b>204,000</b>
Programs - Faith Formation, Education, Community	<b>158,538</b>
Archdiocesan Assessment - (does not include ACA)	<b>122,584</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$2,069,358</b>

## PARISH EXPENSE



- Administration
- Buildings & Grounds
- School Support
- Programs
- Archdiocesan Assessment

# Key People at St. Joseph



Fr. Julian Climaco, S.J.  
Parochial Vicar



Dottie Farewell  
Director of Religious Education



Rebecca Frisino  
Pastoral Assistant for Administration



Yuri Kondratyuk  
Facilities Manager



Renée Leet  
Administrative Assistant



Theresa Lukasik  
Assistant Director of Religious Education



Robert McCaffery-Lent  
Pastoral Assistant for Music & Liturgy



Lianne Nelson  
Bookkeeper



Tina O'Brien  
Director of Advancement



Caprice Sauter  
Communications & Scheduling



Fr. John D. Whitney, S.J.  
Pastor



Deacon Steve Wodzanowski  
Pastoral Associate



Patrick Fennessy  
Head of School



Mary Helen Bever  
Middle School Director



Lillian Zadra  
Primary School Director

*To contact us, please call (206)324-2522*

# JESUIT SEATTLE: MANY MINISTRIES, ONE MISSION



For 126 years, thanks to the deep friendship of Jesuit and lay partners, the people of Seattle have received the graces first given to St. Ignatius. Today, many Jesuit and partner ministries serve the one mission of *“finding God in all things, and all things in God.”*

## **Jesuits West Province**

<http://jesuitswest.org/>

Christened in June, **Jesuits West**, is the spiritual home of the Jesuit and Jesuit ministries across the western United States, and the living presence of the world-wide Society of Jesus.

## **Seattle Preparatory School**

<https://www.seaprep.org/>

Since 1891, young men—and since 1976, young women—have graduated from Seattle Preparatory School prepared to serve the world, enriched in mind and heart.

## **Seattle University**

<https://www.seattleu.edu/>

Founded in 1891, Seattle University offers Jesuit Catholic education throughout its nine schools and more than 7,400 students. Seattle U seeks to graduate *“women and men for others.”*

## **St. Joseph Parish & School**

<https://www.stjosephparish.org/>

Since 1907, St. Joseph Parish & School have served the sacramental, educational, and community of both its neighborhood and its city. With its wondrous art-deco church, St. Joseph is a place of prayer and action.

## **Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life (SEEL Puget Sound) -**

<http://seelpugetsound.org/>

Founded in 1986, *SEEL* serves both Seattle and Tacoma, offering the transformative gift of the Ignatian *Spiritual Exercises* in a nine-month format for busy women and men.

## **Intercommunity Peace and Justice Center (IPJC)**

<http://www.ipjc.org/>

In 1991, a group of women’s religious orders partnered with the Jesuits to form IPJC as a ministry of advocacy and education. Today, IPJC still gives form to a *“faith that does justice.”*

## **Ignatian Spirituality Center (ISC)**

<https://www.ignatiancenter.org/>

Founded in 1994, ISC offers programs that deepen spiritual growth, and assists people of all faiths who seek to live Christ’s mission of compassion, healing, and justice.

## **Seattle Nativity School**

<http://www.seattlenativity.org/>

Seattle Nativity School is a Catholic, Jesuit-endorsed, Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) middle school that breaks cycles of poverty through education that nurtures souls and ignites leaders for love and service.

## **Ignatian Spirituality Project (ISP)**

<http://ignatianspiritualityproject.org/>

Begun in Chicago in 2006, ISP offers men and women who are homeless and in recovery the chance to change their lives through Ignatian spirituality and retreats.

## **Jesuit Volunteer Corps: Northwest & JV EnCorps**

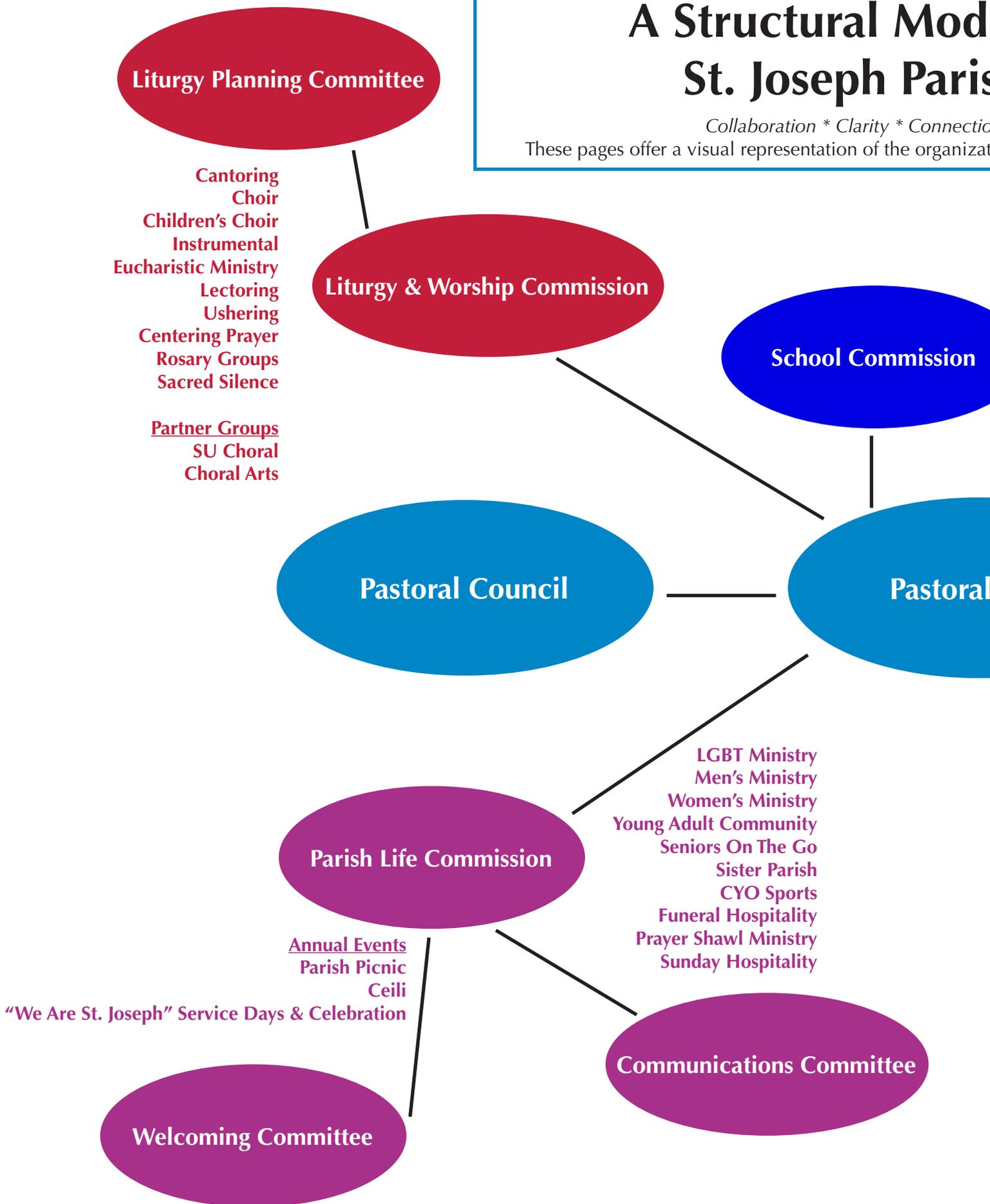
<https://jvcnorthwest.org/>

JVC:NW has formed generations of women and men to serve local needs and ask global questions by a year of community, spirituality, simple living, and social justice. Now, JV EnCorps, invites 50+ people to a year of service and spirituality, in their home.

# A Structural Model St. Joseph Parish

*Collaboration \* Clarity \* Connection*

These pages offer a visual representation of the organization



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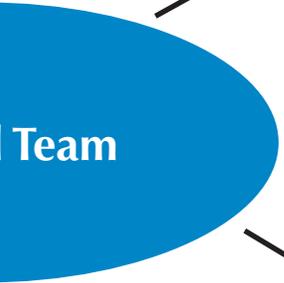
- Infant Baptism
- Children's Baptism
- Godparents
- Adult Baptism
- Children's Faith Formation 1&2
- Altar Servers
- Sunday Childcare
- High School Confirmation
- Adult Confirmation



- Agape Summer Experience
- Pathfinders Middle School Group
- The Voice High School Group

- Adult Faith Formation Programs
- R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)
- Bible Study
- Spirituality & Retreats

- Partner Groups
- Ignatian Spirituality Center
- Ignatian Spirituality Project
- Intercommunity Peace & Justice Center
- SEEL (Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life)



"Lunch & Learn" Estate Planning Seminar

- Annual Events
- Alternative Bazaar
- Giving Tree
- Epiphany Dinner

- Parish Groups
- Choose Life
- Sister Parish
- St. Vincent de Paul
- St. Martin de Porres Meals
- Winter Overnight Shelter



- Partner Groups
- Dialogue For Justice
- Westside Baby
- St. Francis House
- Noël House
- Shirts Across America



- Affiliated Groups
- Bloodworks NW
- Chief Seattle Club
- Recovery Café
- L'Arche
- Jubilee Women's Center
- Habitat For Humanity
- PSKS



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# The Councils & Commissions of St. Joseph

July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017

## PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

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We are grateful for the  
leadership and dedication  
of our Council,  
Commission, and Committee  
members!

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*† Rest in peace*

## SCHOOL COMMISSION

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Mary Dorn

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April Little  
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Ron Smith  
Julie Thompson

# Explore And Get Involved In The Ministries of St. Joseph

These pages show where we've been, we hope you'll be part of where we are going.  
*To get involved, call 206-324-2522 or visit [www.stjosephparish.org](http://www.stjosephparish.org) for more information.*



**Diane Lostrangio**  
Chair

## Liturgy & Worship Commission

### Liturgical Ministries

The parish community of St. Joseph gathers to pray and worship throughout the liturgical year. Prayer, especially the celebration of the Eucharist, binds our community together to honor and glorify God and to recognize the real presence of Christ and the Spirit in one another.

**Altar Servers** - For young people 5th-8th grade interested in becoming an altar server, please contact Dottie Farewell at [dfarewell@stjosephparish.org](mailto:dfarewell@stjosephparish.org) to reserve a spot in the next training.

**Eucharistic Ministers** - This ministry is open to all youth and adults who love the Eucharist, are confirmed, and who strive to show Christ's love in their daily living. To become part of this important ministry please contact EM coordinator Mary Sepulveda at [eucharisticministers@stjosephparish.org](mailto:eucharisticministers@stjosephparish.org)

**Lectors** - Lectoring is a ministry of proclamation, giving strong voice to the Word of God found in Sacred Scripture, and announcing the Prayers of the Faithful at Mass. To become part of this important ministry please contact lector coordinator Jessica Smits at [lectors@stjosephparish.org](mailto:lectors@stjosephparish.org)

**Ushers** - Ushers greet people warmly, introduce strangers, help people sit together, pass out bulletins/worship aids, provide hearing assisted devices and offer hospitality. To join this important ministry, please contact usher coordinator Bruce Mirkin at [ushers@stjosephparish.org](mailto:ushers@stjosephparish.org) or call (206) 391-6155.

### Music Ministries

**Choir** - The St. Joseph Choir rehearses Thursday evenings from 7 to 9 pm and sings at the 9 am Mass on Sunday mornings as well as some holy days and the liturgies around Christmas and Triduum/Easter. The choir is open to singers who are high school age or older. For more information or to schedule an audition, contact Robert McCaffery-Lent, Pastoral Assistant for Music and Liturgy, at [rmclent@stjosephparish.org](mailto:rmclent@stjosephparish.org) or call (206) 965-1649.

**Children's Choir** - The St. Joseph Children's Choir "Joyful Voices" sings the 9 am mass three or four times a year with two after school rehearsals before each mass. All school age children are welcome, as long as they are able to focus on singing through rehearsal and 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 [childrenschoir@stjosephparish.org](mailto:childrenschoir@stjosephparish.org).

### Prayer Groups

There are myriad opportunities to take part in the prayer and devotional life of St. Joseph apart from Sunday liturgies.

**Centering Prayer** - Meets the first and third Saturdays of each month from 8 to 9:30 am for prayer, information, and sharing in the Jogues Room on the second floor of the Parish Center. For additional information, please contact Allison Rabbitt at [centeringprayer@stjosephparish.org](mailto:centeringprayer@stjosephparish.org)

**Rosary Groups** - We are blessed to have two regularly meeting Rosary groups here at St. Joseph. The Holy Rosary Group meets Mondays from 7 to 8 pm in the Parish Center's Loyola Chapel. The Holy Hour Rosary Group meets the first Thursday of the month from 7 to 8 pm in the same Loyola Chapel. Each gathering is usually followed by a reception and an opportunity to spend time together. For additional information, please contact Jackie Quinn at (206) 324-1780 for more information.

**Sacred Silence** - We gather in the church, or another spot on the campus, on Monday nights from 7 to 8 pm. Time is spent in silent prayerful sitting and walking. It is a peaceful retreat from the busyness and distractions of the day. For additional information on Sacred Silence or silent prayer, contact Jim Hoover at [sacredsilence@stjosephparish.org](mailto:sacredsilence@stjosephparish.org) or call (206) 286-0313.



**Kaz Maras**  
Chair



**Mary Beth  
Hribar Deitz**, Chair

## Parish Life Commission

Grouped around common life experience, our Parish Life ministries provide opportunities where we can nourish, grow and enrich our lives together through participation in community, social events and retreats.

**Men's Ministry** - Each year our Men's Ministry organizes events that provide opportunities for prayer, reflection and supportive discussions. These gatherings charge the batteries of our faith and are a lot of fun. For more information, email [men@stjosephparish.org](mailto:men@stjosephparish.org)

**Women's Ministry** - For women who seek a deeper relationship with God and one another through spirituality, fellowship, and service. For more information, email [women@stjosephparish.org](mailto:women@stjosephparish.org)

**LGBTQ Ministry** - For LGBTQ identified members of St. Joseph Parish who seek community and fellowship. We seek to grow and explore our spirituality through education, formation, prayer and service. For more information, email [lgbt@stjosephparish.org](mailto:lgbt@stjosephparish.org)

**Young Adult Ministry** - Looking for community? A place to discuss faith and life with others? Our Young Adult Community focuses on building spirituality, friendship, and creating social, spiritual, and service opportunities. For more information, email [youngadultcommunity@stjosephparish.org](mailto:youngadultcommunity@stjosephparish.org)

**Seniors On The Go Ministry** - Join us and participate in the many ways we celebrate our community life together. For more information about our events and getting involved, call Mary Ott at (206) 324-7459 or Dolores Dorn (206) 322-2259 or email [seniors@stjosephparish.org](mailto:seniors@stjosephparish.org)

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** - Founded by a group of parishioners wishing to come together in community to knit or crochet prayer shawls for those in need of comfort and healing. Our monthly gatherings are a time to share, pray, reflect, rejoice, and learn from one another. For more information, please email [prayershawlgroup@stjosephparish.org](mailto:prayershawlgroup@stjosephparish.org)

**We Are St. Joseph Event Ministry** - We celebrate our community through parish-wide events open to both family and friends: *Ceili Dinner* to mark the feast of St. Patrick, March 10, 2018; *We Are St. Joseph Service Days & Celebration Dinner*, April 27 & 28, 2018; and *St. Joseph Parish Picnic*, September 2018.

**Funeral Hospitality Ministry** - Addressing the details of planning the funeral of a loved one can be overwhelming. Our team exists to help lighten that burden. As part of our loving concern for the life of the community here, our ministry team can provide assistance in the planning and hosting of a reception after funeral services. We are always in need of helpful and friendly assistance. For information, please don't hesitate to contact Mary Ott at [funeralhospitality@stjosephparish.org](mailto:funeralhospitality@stjosephparish.org) or (206) 324-7459.

## St. Joseph School Commission



**Spencer Hurst**  
Chair  
St. Joseph School

St. Joseph School is one of the largest Catholic grade schools on the West Coast. Key to the school's success is the participation of the School Commission, a consultative body that advises and supports the Head of School and Pastor on matters pertaining to the school. This last year, the School Commission published its strategic plan - *A New Messina* (referring to the first Jesuit school) - and began its next steps in the progress of this major parish ministry. To learn more about the school and ways to get involved, please reach out to the Head of School, Patrick Fennessy.

## Faith Formation Commission



**Kelly Keydel**  
Chair



**Erin Friedman**  
Chair

St. Joseph Parish nurtures intellectual curiosity, emotional maturity, and spiritual formation in all its members, while seeking to foster a respectful dialogue with the culture-at-large and other religious traditions.

**Baptism** - Baptism is the first of three sacraments of initiation into the Catholic Church. St. Joseph celebrates this sacrament through classes and weekend liturgical celebrations throughout the year. For information on infant baptisms or for older children, contact Dottie Farewell at [dfarewell@stjosephparish.org](mailto:dfarewell@stjosephparish.org), and for adults, contact Deacon Steve at [stevew@stjosephparish.org](mailto:stevew@stjosephparish.org)

**Children's Faith Formation** - Raising a family takes love, effort, time, and community. We work hard to provide experiences and education to support families. Children's faith education starts early, in their homes with the adults who teach them their faith heritage. At St. Joseph, through sacramental preparation, First Eucharist, and First Reconciliation, we work to continue that education in a dynamic way. For more information, email [cff@stjosephparish.org](mailto:cff@stjosephparish.org)

**Pathfinders Youth Group** - Pathfinders has brought together hundreds of youth to form friendships and promote awareness of those in need through the lens of spirituality. Pathfinders is open to all 6th, 7th and 8th graders in our community and meets on Wednesday evenings from 6 to 7:30 pm. For more information, email [pathfinders@stjosephparish.org](mailto:pathfinders@stjosephparish.org)

**The VOICE Youth Group** - The VOICE is open to all high school age students interested in exploring their lives and spirituality more deeply – and just having some fun! This group meets once a week, on Wednesday nights from 7 to 8:30 pm at the Parish Center. For more information, email [thevoice@stjosephparish.org](mailto:thevoice@stjosephparish.org)

**Adult Faith Formation** - Spiritual growth continues throughout our lifetimes. New experiences - new stages of life, new jobs, new relationships, new challenges, new graces - come our way as long as we're alive and open to the movements of the Holy Spirit. As a Jesuit Parish, St. Joseph has a long tradition of nurturing and fostering our openness to new life and our call to discern the way forward. Many, if not all of our ministries, are imbued with Ignatian Spirituality and the desire to find God at work in all aspects of our lives, both personally and as a community of faith. For more information on our adult faith programs, email Theresa Lukasik at [theresal@stjosephparish.org](mailto:theresal@stjosephparish.org)

**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)** - RCIA is a dynamic program at St. Joseph, through which adults enter into our Catholic community. Trusting that each participant's journey of faith and spirituality continues throughout their lives, RCIA initiates those seeking to enter fully into the Church.

**Spirituality & Retreats** - Our roots as a Jesuit Parish reach back to the founder of the Jesuits, St. Ignatius of Loyola, and thus our strong connection with Ignatian Spirituality. Information about upcoming retreats and programs is available on our website.

**Partner Ministries** - The journey of faith and spirituality continues after entry into the Church and so we embrace a variety of groups, programs, and organizations that assist us in bringing light and grace into our lives. These include the Ignatian Spirituality Center and its spiritual direction services and programs, the Ignatian Spirituality Project, the Intercommunity Peace and Justice Center, and the Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life (SEEL).

For more information about Faith Formation at St. Joseph, please contact [faithformation@stjosephparish.org](mailto:faithformation@stjosephparish.org)





**Sylvia Flores**  
Chair



**Joe Prusa**  
Chair

## Faith Justice Commission

For more than a hundred years, St. Joseph Parish has served the greater community of Seattle through its commitment to advocacy and service. Beginning with our own parish and growing out of the Gospel call to love God and to love neighbor, we have sought right relationship in companionship with each other.

**Annual Events** - Each year, Faith Justice ministries of St. Joseph Parish offer four signature service events: the **Alternative Bazaar** held each November provides an opportunity to purchase beautiful, handcrafted holiday items in support of local artisans and global non-profits; the **Giving Tree** held during the Christmas Season invites all parishioners to participate by purchasing a specific gift for someone in need; the **Epiphany Dinner** held in January celebrates the end of

Christmas by bringing together parishioners, Outreach Partners, and neighbors from all over Seattle to share a special meal prepared by volunteers; and finally **Spring Service Days** held in spring gives parishioners an opportunity to make a difference in our community by volunteering on a special service project for our Outreach Partners. To mark its completion the parish gathers together to celebrate our call to serve at our annual *We Are St. Joseph* Spring Dinner.

### Parish Groups

**Choose Life Ministry** - St. Joseph Choose Life Ministry helps inform our community that life is more than a choice, it is sacred gift. For more information, please email Peter Wurmbauer at [chooselife@stjosephparish.org](mailto:chooselife@stjosephparish.org)

**Sister Parish Ministry** - As we approach our twenty-eighth year in relationship with San Bartolomé Parish in El Salvador, our sister parish committee continues to build bonds between our communities. Areas of focus include addressing the root issues of poverty and emigration to the United States. To be involved, please email Daniel Stoner at [sisterparish@stjosephparish.org](mailto:sisterparish@stjosephparish.org)

**St. Vincent de Paul** - The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Conference at St. Joseph Parish serves the poor by making in-home visits, listening to those in need and providing support as resources allow. The generous donations of St. Joseph parishioners, collected after Masses on the first Sunday of each month, provide the means by which we can help people in need with food, clothing, rent, bus fare and utility bills. With no overhead expenses, 100% of donations go to help the people we visit. If you would like to attend a meeting or are interested in learning more about the society, please email Dennis West at [svdp@stjosephparish.org](mailto:svdp@stjosephparish.org)

**St. Martin de Porres Meals Ministry** - Each Saturday of the month, St. Joseph parishioners and volunteers make and serve sandwiches, boiled eggs, fruit and milk for 212 homeless men. We have five teams of 20-25 people participating. Please contact Deacon Steve at [stevew@stjosephparish.org](mailto:stevew@stjosephparish.org) to join this ministry.

**Winter Overnight Shelter** - 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. The program strives to offer a night's rest in an environment of dignity, respect and safety. Shelter volunteers are men and women of all ages, special people who aren't afraid to face a population and a lifestyle that might be different than their own. To volunteer contact Taffy McCormick at [wintershelter@stjosephparish.org](mailto:wintershelter@stjosephparish.org)

### Partner Groups

Partner Groups include organizations that St. Joseph and its parishioners work with on a regular basis including: Dialogue For Justice, Westside Baby, St. Francis House, Noël House and Shirts Across America.

### Affiliated Groups

We have a wonderful group of organizations that work with us on an occasional basis including: Bloodworks NW, Chief Seattle Club, Recovery Cafe, L'Arche, Jubilee Women's Center, Habitat For Humanity & PSKS.

Check our website for more information about any of our Faith Justice Ministries, please contact Joe Prusa, chair of our Faith Justice Commission at [faithjustice@stjosephparish.org](mailto:faithjustice@stjosephparish.org)

# Prayerfully Giving

## Discerning a Level of Stewardship That Fits Your Call

<p>Level One The Mustard Seed</p>	<p><b>For those with great hearts but limited resources.</b>  <i>“What is the kingdom of God like? To what can I compare it? It is like a mustard seed that a person took and planted in the garden. When it was fully grown, it became a large bush and ‘the birds of the sky dwelt in its branches.’”</i>          (Luke 13:18-19)</p>	<p><b>A. \$150 &lt; \$350</b> about \$2 - \$7 a week</p> <p><b>B. \$350 &lt; \$750</b> about \$7 - \$15 a week</p>
<p>Level Two Providing for the Mission</p>	<p><b>For those who sacrifice to build the mission.</b>  <i>“Accompanying Jesus were the twelve &amp; some women who had been cured, Mary called Magdalene, Joanna, Susanna, &amp; many others who provided for them out of their resources.”</i> (Luke 8:1-3)</p>	<p><b>A. \$750 &lt; \$1,000</b> about \$15 - \$20 a week</p> <p><b>B. \$1,000 &lt; \$1,500</b> about \$20 - \$30 a week</p> <p><b>C. \$1,500 &lt; \$2,500</b> about \$30 - \$50 a week</p>
<p>Level Three Sowing Bountifully</p>	<p><b>For those graced &amp; willing to share their bounty.</b>  <i>“Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, &amp; whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”</i>          (Luke 8:1-3)</p>	<p><b>A. \$2,500 &lt; \$3,500</b> about \$210 - \$300 a month</p> <p><b>B. \$3,500 &lt; \$5,000</b> about \$300 - \$420 a month</p> <p><b>C. \$5,000 &lt; \$7,500</b> about \$420 - \$625 a month</p>
<p>Level Four Faithful &amp; Prudent Stewards</p>	<p><b>For those blessed with substantial resources &amp; able to share.</b>  <i>“Who, then, is the faithful &amp; prudent steward whom the master will put in charge to distribute the food allowance? Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, &amp; still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more.”</i> (Luke 12:42, 48)</p>	<p><b>A. \$7,500 &lt; \$10,000</b> about \$625 - \$850 a month</p> <p><b>B. \$10,000 &lt; \$25,000</b> about \$850 - \$2,100 a month</p> <p><b>C. \$25,000 &lt; \$50,000</b> about \$2,100 - \$4,200 a month</p> <p><b>D. \$50,000 &lt; whatever</b> grace moves you to give</p>
<p>Level Five Spiritual Companions</p>	<p><b>For those who have only their hearts to give.</b>  <i>“When he saw Peter &amp; John about to go into the temple, the beggar asked for alms. But Peter looked intently at him, as did John, &amp; said, ‘I have neither silver nor gold, but what I do have I give you, in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean.’”</i> (Acts 3:3-6)</p>	<p>If you are not able to give financially, know that your prayers--the gift that animates all others--are still needed. Please pledge to pray for St. Joseph.</p>

## Why we came to St. Joseph. . .and why we stay. . .

Many things bring people to St. Joseph—location, liturgy, educational opportunities, Jesuit tradition—but the true blessing begins when people choose to stay, and become the life of the community. Here are the reflections of a few of your neighbors:



### **Rebecca Buettner - Finding a Home & Making One**

Like many at St. Joseph, Becky began life elsewhere—growing up in Baltimore and attending Loyola University in that city. She came to Seattle more or less on a whim—with no job, no apartment, and one friend at her side. It was, she says, *“The kind of thing you only do at 21.”* But somehow, she found an apartment on Capitol Hill (this was 1994) and a good job. Yet, she soon found herself homesick. And though a bit out of the habit of going to church, *“homesickness and the desire for a sense of community”* led her to her neighborhood parish: St. Joseph. It was a wonderful surprise: *“I felt welcomed like an old friend. I immediately felt at home.”* And for 22 years, the staff and community has always been there, *“laughing with me and praying for me, without judgment.”*

Since that first Sunday, Becky has continued to come to Mass, but now she is part of the hospitality others feel. As a Eucharistic Minister at the 11:00 AM Mass, as a teacher for those preparing for First Communion, as a member of the Pastoral Council, and especially as a constant volunteer with the Parish Seniors, Becky finds joy by giving it back. At First Friday luncheons, Becky serves behind the scenes, offering soup and sandwiches, and her wonderful smile to our older community members. *“This community has made me a better person, and I am proud to be part of St. Joseph.”*



### **Gianluca Pelagatti - Welcomed As I Am**

One of the greatest graces to the St. Joseph Community have been the women and men who have entered the Church through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Gianluca, though baptized Catholic, had been separated from that faith for two years, when he came to St. Joseph. Concerned by the Catholic attitude towards the gay community, but hearing about St. Joseph, he came on his birthday to the 9:30 Mass, and fell in love with the liturgy and the space, so when Deacon Steve invited people to check out RCIA, he knew it was grace. This last March, after attending the Rite of Election at the Cathedral with other Candidates and Catechumens, *“I was confirmed and received at St. Joseph.”*



For Gianluca, *“St. Joseph is more than just a church I attend. . .I consider the parish part of my family.”* At Rosary Group or Bible Study, weekday Mass or Sunday celebration, *“I don’t have to worry about hiding a part of me in hopes of being accepted—the parish welcomes me as I am.”* But more than just his own acceptance, Gianluca supports and finds blessing at St. Joseph because its mission blesses the world, *“At St. Joseph, we encourage each other to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God. Within this community, I learn to find God in all things.”*

## Tom & Leigh Foley - "There Is Just A Magic of St. Joseph"



For Tom Foley, a self-described, "*child of Limerick*," who had been taught by Jesuits from grade three to twelve (with only one exception), St. Joseph seemed a perfect fit. And since three of his children had been married at St. Joseph, it even made more sense. But even that wonderful history was only a first incentive for Tom: what made St. Joseph a particular blessing was that his soon-to-be wife, Leigh, also found a home in this community. Indeed, already interested in Catholicism, Leigh soon began preparing to become a Catholic at St. Joseph—part of the same RCIA cadre that welcomed Gianluca.

*"It's difficult to put into words what makes St. Joseph so special to us,"* says Tom, but he notes the beauty and harmony that comes through in the liturgy, combined with the warmth and humor of Frs. John and Julian, and Deacon Steve. Leigh notes that the first time she walked through the doors, she felt "*at home*," and it was that sense that helped her to open the doors more profoundly to her faith journey. In the end, say both Leigh and Tom, it is not so much one element—not the priests, nor the liturgy, nor the space, nor the community—but the interaction of all that keeps them here. *"There is just a magic of St. Joseph, that makes you want to keep coming back."*



## Matt & Jennifer Tilghman-Havens - A Living Gospel

Like many growing families, Jennifer and Matt Tilghman-Havens have more than a few things to keep them busy—yet, St. Joseph is a priority for them, because of the parish's commitment "*to provide support, opportunity, and a place for those among us who are homeless and excluded.*" Involved in the welcoming of Tent City and in other ministry with St. Joseph Outreach Partners, Jen and Matt, like many St. Joseph parents, make a point of inviting their children into the work of the Parish, showing them what it means to belong to a community where they are encouraged and supported in discerning "*how best to use our gifts and resources for the good of the world.*"

What first brought Jen and Matt to St. Joseph was that Ignatian commitment to "*a faith that does justice*," and "*contemplation in action*"—both fundamental principles of Jesuit works. But they have not left the work of these principles to others, and both have rolled up their sleeves as active ministers of hope and light. Whether through teaching our young in Children's Faith Formation or helping the Parish discern its future through the Pastoral Council, offering their creativity to found a Children's Choir, or working with partners like the Ignatian Spirituality Center, both Jen and Matt have made service to the community and participation in liturgy a family affair, one which animates the Parish, while giving them and their children a "*spiritual energy boost.*"

But that notion of family goes beyond just children: for Jen's sister, Julie Tilghman, her husband, Sean Walsh, and their children are also a great part of the St. Joseph community—bringing their own gifts and graces, including, this year, Julie's work on our Refugee Committee. Thus, at St. Joseph, the grace of family has both a vertical and horizontal dimension.



## ***Robby & Melissa Frondozo- “A Family of Families”***



When Pope Francis recently described the Church as “a family of families,” he may not have had St. Joseph in mind, but he certainly could point to our Parish as an example. For many generations, St. Joseph has known great families—families who started the church and the school. Now, newer families, just as great, come to build our future with hope and love.

Robby Frondozo first came to know St. Joseph through his time as a nursing student at Seattle University. Ten years later, after starting his career in the Army, he managed to bring his growing family back to Seattle and to the Parish he had known years before—only this time, he has come to stay. Joined by his wife, Melissa, and their two children, Robby wanted to share the blessings of St. Joseph with others in his extended Filipino family, and so “we brought

*along with us our parents, siblings, and relatives from the Philippines to worship in the community at St. Joseph.”* Today, Robby’s two children have both been baptized, and received first Reconciliation and Eucharist at St. Joseph. They are still both enrolled in Children’s Faith



Formation, where they are joined by their two cousins, who also attend the weekly classes—the sons of Robby’s sister, Rachel, and her husband, Joseph Pacquing, who have also become parishioners. As with many families at St. Joseph, all these children are blessed to have nearby grandparents, along with Robby’s aunt and uncle. (Though Grandpa missed the photos, since he had to have a knee replacement—after we anointed him.)

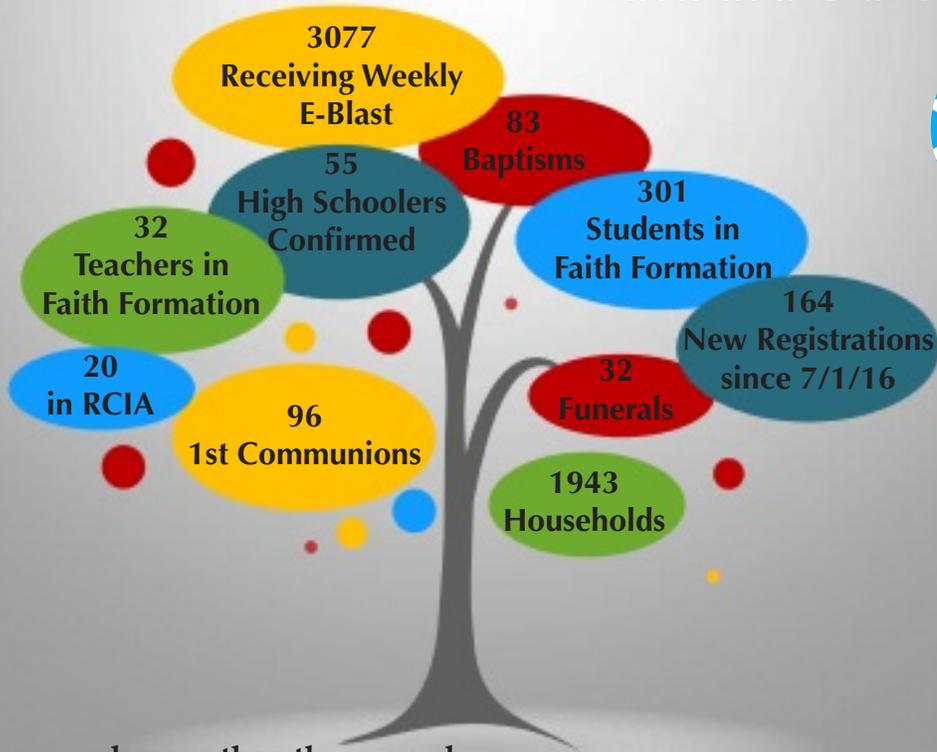


Together, the Frondozo and Pacquing families hope to carry on the tradition of strong families who serve the larger community, which they have



found at St. Joseph, and to build in a new, more diverse St. Joseph Parish for their children and all the families yet to come.

## St. Joseph Facts at a Glance 2016-2017



St. Joseph is so much more than these numbers.  
It is the people within our community who  
collectively breathe life into this data.

## Thank you for your prayerful discernment...

*For over a century, women and men such as you have prayed over their resources  
and have placed their trust in the goodness of God.*

*Because of what their hearts told them, St. Joseph Parish has flourished  
as a place where young people are educated with hope,  
where seniors gather with joy,  
where women and men of varied callings and ways of life seek God in prayer and community.  
Through family, work, and service, all share the Eucharist they have received.*

*As a part of this history, we ask you to open your heart fearlessly,  
and to commit, not out of guilt, but out of the love of God that has been poured into your heart.*

***Thank you for becoming a part of St. Joseph.  
Thank you for your annual affirmation of membership  
and active participation in our community.  
Thank you for prayerfully considering your stewardship  
commitment this year.***

***Thank you for the grace you have, and the grace you share with us all.***





## A Gift to Last the Ages

*Thank you for your stewardship commitment to St. Joseph.  
Might you also consider a gift that would ensure that the graces of St. Joseph  
are sustained for future generations?  
Remembering St. Joseph in your estate planning offers a legacy of grace.*

You can make a bequest in 3 easy steps:

1. Create a will or living trust, or revise an existing one.
2. Decide what you would like to designate to St. Joseph Parish.
3. Provide your attorney with our suggested bequest language:

*I give, devise, and bequeath to St. Joseph Parish, Seattle,  
a tax exempt organization located at 732 18th Ave East, Seattle, WA 98112  
the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ (or) \_\_\_\_\_% of my estate (or property described herein)  
to be used for \_\_\_\_\_*

*(Please specify the purpose , e.g., buildings & grounds, faith formation, liturgy & worship,  
school scholarships, Jesuit presence, social ministries & outreach, or general use.)*

*Our Tax ID Number (EIN) is 91-0588423*

*Please let us know if you have included St. Joseph Parish in your estate plans,  
so we can invite you to special events. If you have any questions  
regarding a gift to St. Joseph Parish, please contact*

*Tina O'Brien at [stewardship@stjosephparish.org](mailto:stewardship@stjosephparish.org) or (206) 324-2522 ext 114.*

*Thank you!*

