Sealed with the Holy Spirit

In the city of Ravenna, Italy stands one of the most ancient monuments to Christian initiation in the West. Begun by Bishop Ursus and completed by his successor, Neon, between the end of the 4th and the late 5th century, the octagonal baptism is often called the Orthodox Baptistry, not to distinguish it from a Catholic baptism (the split between the Catholics and the Orthodox was not to happen for another 600 years), but to distinguish it from another Ravenna baptism built by the heretical Arian Christians some 50 years later. The Orthodox Baptistry—whose traditional shape signifies the eighth day, i.e., the day of the new creation called forth by the resurrection of Christ—was once attached to a great basilica. Yet, even without its larger neighbor, the baptism is a wonder both of artistic beauty and theological education, telling, through its structure and the mosaics which mark its ceiling and walls, the story of how early Christians were welcomed into the community of faith. Here, when the Church was still young and the great theological debates were not yet settled, women and men—and even young children—were initiated into the faith in ways that may seem a bit strange to us today, yet carry within them all the wonder and mystery that we still celebrate. Here they came, after years of preparation and study, after weeks of fasting and penance, to become what they longed to be: followers of Christ and members of his living body.

In his beautiful essay, A Rite of Passage, Aidan Kavanagh, former professor of liturgy at the Yale Divinity School, describes in great detail the process of initiation as it was practiced in the baptistry and basilica of Ravenna. He tells of the bishop, greeting those to be baptized, and saying to them—both men and women—"Take off your clothes." And how they stood, naked and shielded from view by the deacons and deaconesses who accompanied them, first on the threshold of the baptistry, and then within, gathered in a circle around the great baptismal pool.

On the way in, they were covered from head to toe, in the Oil of the Catechumen, a sign of protection and blessing for each of them. Then, one by one, led by the head deacon (for the men) or by his wife, the deaconess (for the women), they entered the fire-warmed water of the pool, beneath the great mosaic of Jesus' baptism, and were taken to the place where the water poured in through the mouth of a carved lion,

Be sure not to regard the chrism merely as ointment, just as the bread of the Eucharist—after the invocation of the Holy Spirit—is no longer just bread but the body of Christ, so the holy chrism, after the invocation, is no longer ordinary ointment but Christ’s grace, which through the presence of the Holy Spirit instills divinity into us.

-Cyril of Jerusalem-
form the origin of the Gloria in today’s mass. At last, the
baptized and anointed made their way to the ambo, where
the bishop waited to greet them, and pray over them, laying
his hands on each one’s head and putting a cross in the still
sparkling oil, while declaring to all: “The servant of God is
sealed with the Holy Spirit.” To which all replied, “Amen.”
And then, for the first time, these new members shared
the kiss of peace, with, as Kavanagh notes, “Everyone in
tears.” Finally, the gifts were set on the table and, following
the prayer, the neophytes came to communion—fulfilling
their initiation in the gift of Eucharist, and receiving a spe-
cial cup (taken only once) of milk and honey, a sign of the
sweetness of their new life.

This week, as St. Joseph Parish welcomes Bishop Daniel
Mueggenborg for the celebration of the Sacrament of Con-
firmation, I have been praying for the 18 young women and
men who will cross the threshold of St. Joseph to complete
their process of initiation into the Catholic faith. Though
their preparation for this Sacrament may have been a bit
less strenuous and lengthy than the preparation of those
neophytes in Ravenna, and though the ritual we celebrate
for them will be far less elaborate, still the grace we hope
for them is the same; and the love and courage it will take
to live their faith well is as necessary today as it was in the
5th century. Re-reading Kavanagh’s account of these early
Rites of Initiation, as well as other books on the origin of
the Sacrament of Confirmation, I have wondered what ef-
fect this Sacrament may have on the hearts of these teen-
agers and on all of us, called to welcome them into the
fullness of our faith.

I have also wondered, to tell the truth, if we are doing this
Sacrament quite right.

In studying the origin of the Sacrament of Confirmation, the
first thing one discovers is that it was never meant to be a
distinct or separate Sacrament—nor was it ever intended
to be the last of the Sacraments of Initiation. Indeed, for
centuries, as Kavanagh describes, what we know as Confir-
mation was a moment within the Sacrament of Baptism—
or rather, a series of moments, culminating in the blessing
of the newly baptized by the bishop, whose epiclesis (i.e.,
prayer calling down the Holy Spirit) was signaled by the
laying of hands on the head of each of the baptized. This
epiclesis, so essential in the welcome of the newly bap-
tized, was reserved to the bishop, a “confirmation” that the
particular woman or man, boy or girl, was now a mem-
er of the universal Church, through the grace of the Holy
Spirit. It was then, and only then, that the newly baptized
and confirmed Christians would receive the third and final
movement in the Rites of Initiation, turning towards the al-
tar, for the first time ever, and receiving the body and blood
of Christ, of which they were now to be members. This or-
dering of the Sacraments—i.e., Baptism, Confirmation, and
Eucharist—remained the norm for centuries in the West,
and still remains part of Eastern practice.

In the West, however, the difficulty of travel and the mete-
oric growth of the Church made it difficult for the bishop to
be present at every Baptism—especially as infant Baptism
became more common. Gradually, the Rite of Confirmation
became separated from Baptism, put off until the bishop
could make his rounds, and often even after the children
had become old enough for Eucharist. By the time of the
Council of Trent in the 16th century, the Rite of Confirma-
tion was firmly established as a separate Sacrament, often
used, in succeeding generations, as a rite of passage or of
coming-of-age for young Catholics—similar, in ways, to the
Jewish bar-mitzvah. This sense of the Sacrament remains
ture to this day, especially in those areas where Confirma-
tion is put off until fairly late—i.e., where it becomes some-
thing of a “sacramental carrot,” used to coax young adults to
continue their participation in the Church. Likewise, the-
ologically, what the separation of Confirmation has done is
to contribute to confusion in people’s understanding of the
Holy Spirit. Confirmation has become, for many Catholics,
the “Sacrament of the Holy Spirit,” even though in Baptism
the Spirit of God is repeatedly invoked—e.g., over the wa-
ters of the font and in the post-baptismal anointing—and
without the Holy Spirit, there can be no unity with God,
no membership in Christ, something that occurs already in
Baptism and certainly in Eucharist. Finally, by separating
Confirmation from Baptism and disrupting the order of the
Sacraments of Initiation, we seem to suggest that Confirma-
tion, rather than Eucharist, is the fulfillment of one’s entry
into the Church, even though Eucharist is rightly proclaimed
as the “source and summit” of the Christian life. Since our
actions seem to belie our words, it can be very confusing.

In the Second Vatican Council, there was a great desire to
return the Sacraments of Initiation to the proper order—a
desire realized in the structures of the RCIA process, though
not yet realized in our Confirmation of young adults. Con-
sequently, the meaning of this Sacrament may become quite
confused: is it about initiation or about adulthood; an end
of the baptismal process or a beginning of “adult faith”? Is it
the unique Sacrament of the Holy Spirit or a renewal of the
gifts of the Spirit first given in Baptism? Is one fully “in the
Church” without Confirmation, and if not, what does that
say about all those who are baptized and receiving the Eu-
charist without this Sacrament? Are they somehow deficient?
In answering these questions, we—as the Church—may yet
come to a deeper and richer practice and understanding of
this grace-filled Sacrament; but, for the time being, we must
simply acknowledge that the work of Vatican II to clarify the
Sacraments remains unfinished. And, perhaps we can even
celebrate that incompleteness, recognizing that the young
women and men for whom we pray this weekend, and upon
whom we call down all graces of the Holy Spirit, deserve
to know that they have work yet to do in the shaping of this
Church and its Sacraments, and in the building up of the
reign of God. May they do it with love, and with deep, last-
ing joy—for this we pray, always.
Introit

(5) Awake My Heart

Awake my heart, arise my tongue, prepare a tuneful voice;
in God the life of all my joys, aloud will I rejoice.

Come let us raise our voices high, form a sacred song
To God who rules the earth and sky and does our days prolong

Then let us in God’s name sing on and hasten that great day,
When our Redeemer shall come down and shadows pass away.

Entrance Songs

(5,9&11) We Are The Light Of The World

1. Bless - ed are they who are poor in spir - it,
2. Bless - ed are they who are meek and hum - ble,
3. Bless - ed are they who will mourn in sor - row,
4. Bless those who hun - ger and thirst for jus - tice,
5. Bless - ed are they who show oth - ers mer - cy,
6. Bless - ed are hearts that are clean and ho - ly,
7. Bless - ed are those who bring peace a - mong us,
8. Bless those who suf - fer from per - se - cu - tion,

Theirs is the king-dom of God.
Bless us, O Lord, make us

They will in - her - it the earth.
Bless us, O Lord, make us

They will be com - fort - ed.
Bless us, O Lord, when we

They will be sat - is - fied.
Bless us, O Lord, hear our

They will know mer - cy, too.
Bless us, O Lord, hear our

They will be - hold the Lord.
Bless us, O Lord, make us

They are the chil - dren of God.
Bless us, O Lord, may your

Theirs is the king-dom of God.
Bless us, O Lord, when they

poor in spir - it;
meek and hum - ble;
share their sor - row;
cry for jus - tice;
cry for mer - cy;
pure and ho - ly;
peace be with us;
per - se - cute us;

Bless us, O Lord, our God.
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We are the light of the world,
May our light shine be - fore all,

That they may see the good that we do, And give glo - ry to God.
Gloria  See Cards In Pews

First Reading
Moses spoke to all the people, saying: “A prophet like me will the LORD, your God, raise up for you from among your own kin; to him you shall listen. This is exactly what you requested of the LORD, your God, at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let us not again hear the voice of the LORD, our God, nor see this great fire any more, lest we die.’ And the LORD said to me, ‘This was well said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their kin, and will put my words into his mouth; he shall tell them all that I command him. Whoever will not listen to my words which he speaks in my name, I myself will make him answer for it. But if a prophet presumes to speak in my name an oracle that I have not commanded him to speak, or speaks in the name of other gods, he shall die.’"

Responsorial Psalm  Psalm 95
If to-day you hear God's voice, hard-en not your hearts.
Come, ring out our joy to the Lord. Hail the Rock who saves us.
Let us come now before our God. With songs let us hail the Lord.

Come, let us bow and bend low. Let us kneel before God who made us, for he is our God, we the people, the flock that is led by God's hand.

O that today you would hear God's voice, “Harden not your hearts, as on that day in the desert, when your parents put me to the test.”

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Second Reading  1 Corinthians 7:32-35
Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties. An unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how he may please the Lord. But a married man is anxious about the things of the world, how he may please his wife, and he is divided. An unmarried woman or a virgin is anxious about the things of the world, how she may please her husband. I am telling you this for your own benefit, not to impose a restraint upon you, but for the sake of propriety and adherence to the Lord without distraction.

Gospel Acclamation  Alleluia 7
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Gospel

Then they came to Capernaum, and on the sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!” Jesus rebuked him and said, “Quiet! Come out of him!” The unclean spirit convulsed him and with a loud cry came out of him. All were amazed and asked one another, “What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him.” His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee.

The Confirmation Rite - 5 pm Mass
Presentation of the Candidates for Confirmation
Homily: Bishop Daniel H. Mueggenborg
Renewal of Baptismal Promises
The Laying on of Hands
The Anointing With Chrism

Offertory Song
Come and Follow Me
Franzak

1. Come, be my light, be my voice to the nations. Be my hands, be my heart for the world.
Would you go where I go? Where I lead, will you follow? Would you leave everything for my sake?
By the power of the Spirit, everyone with ears to hear it will embrace the call to love within their heart. Refrain.

2. Go, take your gift to the poor and the lonely. As you love so will I live in you.
Will you feed, feed my lambs? Share your hope with the hopeless? Bring new sight to the blind in my name?
With a towel and a basin, t’ward the kingdom we will hasten, through the narrow gate that leads to Calvary. Ref.

Reflection (9,11&5:30) Patrick Fennessy

(5:30) Dismissal of the Catechumens & Candidates
Offertory Song

(9) God Has Chosen Me

God Has Chosen Me
Farrell

Holy, Holy, Holy
Mass of Christ the Savior
Schutte
Mystery of Faith

When we eat this bread, and drink this cup, we proclaim your death O Lord, until you come again.

Lamb of God

Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

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

Blest Are They

1. Blest are they, the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of God.
2. Blest are they, the lowly ones; they shall inherit the earth.
3. Blest are they, who show mercy; they shall be their children of God.
4. Blest are they, who seek peace; they are the cause of me. Rejoice be glad!
5. Blest are they, who suffer hate; all be full of sorrow; they shall be comforted.

Blest are they, with hunger and thirst; they shall have their fill.

Yours is the kingdom; shine for all to see.

Rejoice and be glad! Blest-ed are you, holy are you! Rejoice and be glad!

Yours is the kingdom of God!
The Confirmation Concluding Rites (5)
Bishop: The Lord be with you
All: And also with you
Bishop: Blessed be the name of the Lord
All: Now and forever
Bishop: Our help is in the name of the Lord
All: Who made heaven and earth

Song of Praise  (5&11) As A Fire Is Meant For Burning

1. As a fire is meant for burning
   With a bright and warming flame,
   So the church is meant for sign of life renewed,
   Not to preach our creeds or customs,
   But to build a bridge of care, We join
giv-ers; We are ves-sels made of clay.
   We would show that Christ is light. In a
   hands a-cross the na-tions, Find-ing neigh-bors ev-ry-where.
hum-ble, lis-t'ning Spir-it, We would live to God's de-light.
lives re-flect the ra-di-ance Of God's new and glorious dawn.

Psalm 34/Gusten Y Vean

Refrain

Verses

As A Fire Is Meant For Burning

BEACH SPRING/Duck,
Prayer Of the Seamless Garment

Loving God, holy and true:
you are the Father of all Creation,
the Mother of all that lives.
In you, all life has its beginning,
all forms of life reveal your loving plan.
You have woven human life into a seamless garment,
clothed your people in your sacred Word.
May we honor your Incarnation
by honoring all who live:
infant or aged,
sinner or saint,
woman or man,
those possessed of much
or those who live in dispossession.
All are works of your hand, bearers of your Spirit,
sisters and brothers of your Son, Jesus Christ,
who lives with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God forever and ever.

Amen

Recessional

(9) Hamba Nathi/Come Walk With Us

(5:30) As A Fire Is Meant For Burning (see previous page)
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
7:00 PM Sacred Silence Prayer Group
7:00 PM Rosary Prayer Group

Tuesday
7:00 AM Mass
7:00 PM Yoga

Wednesday
7:00 AM Mass

Thursday
7:00 AM Mass

Friday
7:00 AM Mass
11:30 AM Anointing Mass

Saturday
3:30-4:30 PM Reconciliation
5:00 PM Vigil Mass

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**Willard Dickinson** - One of my gifts is the ability to make people laugh. I love to help other people strive to achieve a goal and aid them on their way to it. The saint I chose for Confirmation is St. Anthony due to his kindness, helpfulness, and caring. I am being confirmed to take the next step as a Catholic and strengthen my faith in God.

**Tierney Duffy** - For me being confirmed is another step becoming closer to God. I wanted to be confirmed to feel a part of the church and be able to take my faith to another level. I chose St. Clare of Assisi as my saint because she is an outstanding woman who helped others and wanted to understand her faith in a different way. I can relate to her. One of my gifts is compassion. I have a listening ear for when people need to talk. I enjoy going out with friends to movies, dances, and going snowboarding.

**Nick Gemma** - A gift that I have is my caring for others. By being confirmed, I hope to grow as a person, and grow in my relationship with God. I chose my Confirmation name to be Francis, because I believe Pope Francis truly loves to help others, and wants to help bring out the best in others, which is what I aspire to do.

**Grace Ginaven** – I seek Confirmation because I want to be a part of and have a greater role in my church community. I chose my saint name, Hildegard, out of admiration for Hildegard von Bingen, who was an abbess in Germany. She was a composer and a clinician. I am a friendly and intelligent person and I wish to share this with the world by working at charity events and using my charisma to brighten up the room. In my free time, I love to read fantasy novels and sing in the St. James Jubilate Choir.

**Benjamin Heymann** - I am seeking for a multitude of reasons. I would say that the most important or foremost reason being that Confirmation is the next step on my lifelong journey with God, who will always be there no matter what. I especially think that now is a great time to be confirmed because as I get older and encounter new things, relationships, experiences, etc... there will also be more and more challenges in my life and more specifically, things that can only be addressed and conquered through God and my relationship with God. I chose St. Michael for my Confirmation name because he has the courage to protect and defend others. One of my gifts is my thirst for knowledge and wisdom.

**Charlie Hipps** - I seek Confirmation to continue my journey to find the meaning God has for my life. I chose St. Nicholas as my saint name because I appreciate many of the things he represents, especially generosity and compassion. I have been given the gift of being analytical and I want to use it to help solve problems and disputes in the world. For fun I enjoy running cross country, swimming and playing lacrosse.

**Sophia Le** - As St. Augustine once said, “He who sings prays twice.” Singing brings me great joy and happiness, and it is with that same happiness I have chosen St. Cecilia, patroness of music, to be my confirmation saint. Music has always been present in my life, and I think shall always remain a constant in my life, no matter what comes up.

I chose to be confirmed because Confirmation gives us strength and it deepens our baptismal life which calls us to be missionary witnesses of Jesus Christ in our families and society. I am choosing to be confirmed to help strengthen my ability to carry out God’s teachings.

One of my gifts that I always strive to carry out is to be kind to everyone I meet through my words, actions, and behavior. I try to bring out this innate kindness that God put in store for us as a reflection of His love and kindness. I love to bring out happiness in others and let them know that they are loved. Particularly through direct actions, singing, and volunteering to those in need.

**Paul Murdoch** - One of my gifts is compassion. I enjoy spending time with friends and family as well as skiing and playing lacrosse. I chose to be Confirmed so I can strengthen my relationship with God. I picked St. Paul as my saint because he was strong in his faith and how he truly lived Jesus message.

**Braden Nora** - I am seeking to be confirmed at St. Joseph’s because I want to continue my Catholic faith journey as an adult. I desire a better understanding of the Holy Spirit, and I want to form a more balanced and deeper relationship with God. Once I am confirmed, I will feel like a bigger part of the church. My saint’s name is St. Francis Xavier because he was a missionary who traveled the world spreading the word of the Jesuits. He is also drawn to me because his name, (Francis) is in both of my grandfathers names. I believe I have a gift of compassion and I desire an increase of this gift.
**Reilly Christine Pigott** – I want to be confirmed because I want to continue my journey of faith and become a lifelong member of the Catholic Church. The saint’s name I chose is Gemma, who is the patron saint of positivity and perseverance. Like St. Gemma, I believe I bring a gift of positivity into the world. I strive to make the lives of those around me happier. One thing that I love to do outside of school is play volleyball.

**Elizabeth Rothrock** - One of my gifts is working hard, and being a good listener. I chose St. Felix because he sold off his possessions and devoted his life to God. I chose to be confirmed so I can strengthen my relationship with God and the community. I enjoy playing soccer, skiing, and hiking.

**Stephen Rothrock** - I chose to be confirmed to strengthen my faith in God. I chose St. Joseph the Worker because of his commitment to God, his work ethic, and his deep-rooted humility. The dignity of human work has long been celebrated as a participation in the creative work of God. One of my gifts is my positive attitude, which I feel is contagious to those around me. I love to dance.

**Sara Rothrock** – My Confirmation saint is Catherine of Siena. She is one of the few women whose writings have led her to become a Doctor of the Church. I am getting confirmed because my faith is important to me and my family, and I want to continue to grow in my relationship with God. I enjoy skiing and spending time with my friends and family.

**Elizabeth Ruckelshaus** – I seek Confirmation to strengthen my relationship with God. My saint name is St. Colette. I chose her because she is extremely wise, spiritual, and giving. I love talking and connecting with people which makes me a good listener and friend. I seek the wisdom of the Holy Spirit through Confirmation. I enjoy giving back to my community through service.

**Helen Ruckelshaus** – I seek Confirmation because I have found a good and supportive community that I wish to be a part of. My name is Helen Mary and I chose St. Helen because St. Helen(e) means the shining one or the one with the light. She also found the cross of Jesus which I have a great love for. My one gift is being able to really show love and I want blogs about self-positivity to help the public. I also enjoy baking gluten free treats.

**Conail Sauter** – I seek Confirmation because I want to show the world my faith in Jesus Christ. I chose the name Raphael because he is the patron of healing and that is what I want to do with my life. In any way that I can help or heal another I will. I listen really well and I want to use that to help other people who need someone to talk to, for any reason. I really enjoy helping others. I love seeing that I can aid some good in this world, no matter how small.

**Madison Schumm** – One of my gifts is being empathetic, through caring about my friends, others, and those in need, such as participating in Shirts Across America. I love to dance, spend time with friends and family, and make others happy. I chose St. Catherine of Alexandria as my Confirmation saint, because she was well educated, loved science, and used her faith to change the politics of the time. Just like she used her gift of strong faith to change politics, I want to use my gift of dance as a means of positive activism in our world today. I chose to be confirmed so I can take the next step in continuing to grow in my faith.

**Kate Shigo** – Honestly, becoming confirmed wasn’t really a choice that I made, yet after spending 12 weeks in Confirmation class, I have grown in my faith and I have learned to appreciate the faith despite several of its stances. I am one to seek truth and I am on a quest for knowledge, and this is a gift I use in many aspects of my life. One gift I seek in Confirmation is wisdom and knowledge. When I am not asking questions, I love driving up to Crystal Mountain and shredding the Gnar. I chose St. Gianna for my Confirmation name because, she was a pediatric doctor who also practiced field medicine. She was a generous woman who put her faith into action.

“Be who you were created to be, and you will set the world on fire.”

— St. Catherine of Siena
St. Joseph Adult Faith Formation Presents:

Seamless Garment:
A Consistent Ethic of Life

Monday, February 5 | 6:00-8:30 PM

During this Season of Life, join us for dinner and a panel discussion that explores the interrelatedness of the dignity of life ranging from war & peace, abortion, and the death penalty.

Keynote Speaker - Patty Bowman from IPJC
She will weave together the various principles of the Seamless Garment as laid out by, Joseph Cardinal Bernardin.

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Prison Ministry

Susan Fox
Respect Life

Annapatrice Johnson
War & Peace

To RSVP or for more information, contact THERESAL@STJOSEPHPARISH.ORG
**Children’s Choir**

The St. Joseph Children’s Choir “Joyful Voices” is scheduled to sing next at the 9 am Mass on Sunday Feb. 11th. Because of the family dinner event on Saturday night February 10 and the likelihood that many of the same families that would be participating in the children choir will be attending the dinner event, Joyful Voices Children’s Choir will sing the 5 pm mass on Feb. 10th instead. Rehearsals are the same on Thursday Feb. 1 and Thurs Feb. 8. To sign up or for more information, please contact Jen or Matt Tilghman-Havens at jtilghmanhavens@gmail.com and mtilghmanhavens@gmail.com

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**Hearing Assistance Devices**

We are currently missing two of our four “hearing impaired” receivers that folks who have difficulty hearing use during the mass. If you accidentally used one and stuck it in your pocket, please return it to an usher so others can use it. Thank you!

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**Contemplative Prayer**

**TAIZE PRAYER**

The third of our Contemplative Prayer events sponsored by the Liturgy and Worship Commission will be **Sunday, February 25th, from 4:00 - 5:00 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.

Taize prayer is ecumenical. The Taize community, though Western European in origin, has sought to include people and traditions worldwide and have sought to demonstrate this in the music and prayers where songs are sung in many languages, and have included chants and icons from the Eastern Orthodox tradition. The music emphasizes simple phrases, usually lines from Psalms or other pieces of Scripture, repeated and sometimes also sung in canon. Ecumenical services based on this model and music are held in many churches throughout the world.

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**Come Pray With Us!**

**Monday Night Prayer Groups**

Join us in prayer on **Monday, January 29th 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.

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**Prayer Tree**

St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions: For Robin and Sheila as they journey to the sunset of their lives . . . For those who are suffering from the flu . . . For the teenagers who are being confirmed this Saturday -- may His strength, courage and love fill each of them.

“Take care of your relationships with others, transforming your faith into life and your words into good works, especially on behalf of the needy. “

~ Pope Francis

Rest in Peace
Helen Talbott

Michael Johnston, whose celebration of life will be at St. Joseph on Thursday, Feb. 1st at 4 pm.

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**5:30 PM Eucharistic Ministers**

Interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister at the 5:30 pm Mass? We are seeking one to two additional members to join our team, serving once every three weeks. Please contact Ann Patnaude (annpatnaude@gmail.com or 312.330.6657) to learn more about this wonderful ministry.
Family Mass & Dinner
Please join us for our Annual Family Mass and Dinner Dance on February 10th. We’ll celebrate Mass at 5:00 pm then to the Social Hall for dinner and dancing. Sign up at www.stjosephparish.org

Sunday Parenting Group: Love in the Family
The Faith Formation Office is pleased to introduce a new parenting educational opportunity we are calling “Love in the Family," on Sunday mornings during coffee and donut hour following the 9 am Mass. Join other families as we explore our faith through the lens of raising children in our world today. We will hand out current articles and reflection pieces to guide our conversations on various topics ranging from “how to serve others with kids,” to “how to navigate our Catholic faith in our 21st Century culture.” All gatherings will be facilitated and materials provided. No cost. This is also a great time to meet families and connect and converse during hospitality. All are welcome! Meet by the Social Hall stage around 10:20 am. For more information, contact Dottie Farewell at dfarewell@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1652.

Living Justice: Understanding Catholic Social Teaching
Tuesday, January 30th | 7:00-8:30 PM
Parish Center
Take a step back from the news headlines and look at the roots of the social teaching of our faith. If you want to make a difference in our world, discover the Church’s teachings on the social issues and live a faith that does justice. In this introductory course, we will explore the key figures and themes found in Catholic Social Teaching.

Materials provided. For more information, please contact Theresa Lukasik at theresal@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1651.

11am Mass Altar Servers Needed
St. Joseph Parish Altar Server Program is looking for students interested in altar serving at the 11 am Sunday Mass. 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.

Seniors On The Go
Friday, February 2nd - Anointing Mass at 11:30 am. Join us for a luncheon after Mass.

Thursday, February 22nd - Join us for a Lenten Day of Reflection from 10 am – 2 pm – Parish Center. Presenter is Stephanie Ragland.
“Sinners called to be Companions”

Jesuit Identity In the Modern World

Part II of the Jesuit Seminar with Fr. John Whitney, S.J.

Last Fall, St. Joseph offered an introductory seminar on the roots of the Jesuits and the spiritual identity of St. Joseph Parish. We are now to examine the great changes that happened after the Second Vatican Council, with the election of Fr. Pedro Arrupe and the orientation towards a “faith that does justice”.

**Even if you were not involved in part I of the Jesuit Seminar, you are welcome to join us for part II.**

Thursday, February 1
Thursday, February 8
7:00 PM, Arrupe Room, Parish Center
Faith Justice

Sister Parish
Tuesday, Feb 6th - 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm - Parish Center

This is an opportunity to hear an update on their Water Project as well as learn more about our Easter Delegation to El Salvador - March 28th – April 4th 2018. Padre Miguel, Pastor of our Sister Parish in El Salvador has invited our community to send a parish delegation down to celebrate the TRIADIUM (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil) with them. If you are interested in going, please contact Deacon Steve for details at 206-965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org

Blood Drive
Monday, January 29th - St. Joseph Parish Center
1 pm to 7 pm - (closed 3 pm - 4 pm)

To make an appointment, please email Renee Leet at rleet@stjosephparish.org or call 206-324-2522 ext 100. For questions about eligibility, please call 800-398-7888.

Exploring Migration:
A Faith Journey

The St. Joseph Faith Justice Commission Presents A Small Group Education & Faith Sharing Program

- Program meets on Wednesdays – Beginning Feb. 21st and ending on Apr. 18th – 9 sessions altogether including an Immersion – Ana Martins and Vince Herberholt are the facilitators.
- Each session is 2 hours long – 7:00 - 9:00 pm – Sessions will be held in the Parish Center.
- Sessions are organized around 3 main themes:
  - History and facts surrounding migration
  - Theological perspectives on migration
  - Discernment & Action addressing the challenges of migration
- Sessions include: prayer, dialogue, active listening and relationship building.
- Learning resources include: articles, online viewing, and two resource books.
- Registration fee for books and materials $28 – scholarships available

To register contact Dn. Steve: 206-965-1646 or SteveW@stjosephparish.org

For more information contact: Ana Martins 206-617-1569 or ninabmartins@hotmail.com or Vince Herberholt 206-491-4486 or vherberholt3@comcast.net

St. Vincent de Paul

Another cut in the federal Food Stamp program reduced this woman’s monthly allotment from $65 to $7. Along with her $725 Social Security check, it was not enough to cover her basic needs. She needed help with food.

And even though she was recovering from a recent surgery, her cheerful attitude (“I have faith!” she declared.) was downright inspiring.

As St. Vincent de Paul volunteers, we see first-hand the poverty in our community. And for some it fuels depression and debilitating anxiety. Then there are others like this happy 60-plus-year-old woman who was most grateful “to be alive.” We gave her $100 in Safeway cards and left feeling it was us she had blessed.

Thanks for your support.

The Next St. Vincent de Paul Collection is February 3 & 4
Could your prayer life use a jump start or a revival? It could help to have some new prayer forms upon which to draw. Learn about and immerse yourself in experiences of up to five unique forms of prayer from the Ignatian tradition:

- January 30 | Prayer: A Sacred Conversation (including Lectio Divina) with John Hickman
- February 6 | Examen: Finding God in Your Life with Steve Wodzanowski
- February 13 | Igniting the Imagination in Prayer with Carla Orlando
- February 20 | Applying All the Senses in Prayer with Trung Pham, SJ
- February 27 | Contemplatio: Meditating on God's Love with Lisa Dennison

Each session includes a presentation, immersion into the prayer form, and reflection on the prayer experience. Join a small prayer group for the whole series or visit individual sessions of your choice.

- COST: $20/individual session or $90/series. Partial work scholarships available for the series.
- INFO/REGISTER: https://www.ignatiancenter.org/immersions-in-ignatian-prayer
- QUESTIONS: Email Andrea Fontana andrea@ignatiancenter.org, or call (206) 329-4824