“You are witnesses of these things!”
They don't think the patient...
the bed, near the foot, was her mother. And while her father seemed a whirl of emotions, her mother seemed devastated, yet calm—resigned in her sorrow, and quietly determined to love her daughter to the end. She sat on the edge a chair, gently holding her daughter’s foot, or stood up at times to rub her hand slowly and softly, up and down.

As I entered the room, both parents came to welcome me—inviting me, even amid their pain, into this place that had become their station. They were from Ellensburg, they said, though their daughter lived here in Seattle. They had driven over just that day, to be with her at the end. Suddenly, as we did the first steps of introduction, their daughter began to seize, and the nurse came to her bedside, leaning over to hold her down and speaking gently to her as the strong narcotic he had just injected began to do its work. We stood back, and as I looked at their eyes and at this young woman in the bed, I could see a life unfolding—one of blessing and brokenness, of love and loss; a life which her parents could not fully understand, but which had caused them great pain, at times.

As the young woman lay back, quieted by the fentanyl, her mother spoke softly of the years of addiction that had captivated her daughter, and of how she had a 14 year old child, who now lived with her father. Speaking softly, but without anger or judgment, she told of the years of separation from their daughter, and of her worries for her granddaughter. All of which was set aside so that they might be here today. Washed by the light of their love for their daughter, and by her suffering, my own dark spirit vanished; and when the nurse pulled back, I leaned in, fully present at last, to whisper to the dying woman and tell her who I was and why I had come. As nurses moved in and out of the room, checking her medication and monitoring her life signs, I told her we were there to bless her, that God was holding her, that Christ was accompanying her, and that the Holy Spirit was keeping her close. Though she could not speak, as her parents and I drew close to her, we could feel her relax a bit, ready to receive the Sacrament.

Reaching out my hands, I lightly touched the bandana on her head, as her parents held her hands. There, in a room noisy with breathing machines and beeping monitors, we stood in silence together as the Spirit of God rested, not just on the young woman in the bed, but on all of us. And as I sang softly the words of the old hymn, “Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest, and in our hearts take up Thy rest,” I heard the parents singing along, entrusting their daughter to the faithful God who had never left her—even in the years of drug use and wandering—and who now came to comfort and to welcome. Taking the small vial of oil to anoint her head and hands—rubbing it in like the balm it is meant to be—I imagined Mary of Bethany, preparing Jesus for his final journey to Jerusalem. And watching, as her parents blessed her, I thought of Mary of Nazareth, embracing her Son at the foot of the cross, his flesh pierced and bloody, but still beautiful and beloved to her, as she held him in her arms.

When she was a young woman, could Mary have ever anticipated that afternoon on the hilltop of Calvary, the pain she would feel and the suffering she would be called to endure? Could she, on that day that the Angel Gabriel came to her from God—calling her “highly favored” and promising her that the Holy Spirit would overshadow her—even have imagined watching her Son die in anguish, a hated criminal? When she said “Yes” to God’s request, could she have foreseen the broken body, laying in her arms? Or the empty tomb? Or the resurrection? No more, I think, than could the mother and father of this young woman have imagined, on the day they brought their baby child home from the hospital, that someday they would be here, at Harborview. Like the Mother of Jesus, they accepted their child in mystery and hope, knowing that God was present, but never imagining all that God would ask or offer. And like Mary, they now faced their anguish, still faithful to their child and trusting in the mysterious mercy of God.

Following the anointing, I stepped back from the bed and allowed the parents to draw closer, finishing their prayer as the Spirit moved them. Slowly, they let go of their daughter’s hands and turned towards me, a look of relief and completion on their faces. The Sacrament was not everything, but it was all that we could do, and they knew that. And so I told them to call me if they needed anything else, and promised them my prayers at the morning Mass—now only a few hours away. Then we hugged each other and I left quietly. Having given their daughter what was most precious to them, they would now sit, waiting for the end, more peaceful in their heart for the promise Christ and the Spirit had brought. As I walked past the nurses’ station, one of them turned up, smiled at me and said, “Get home safely.” And, thinking of the woman in the room behind me, I thought, “Yeah. Both of us.”

WELCOME!

New? Visiting? Interested? Are you visiting for the first time or the 100th? Interested in knowing more about the ministries and activities at St. Joseph Parish? Our parish welcoming committee is hosting a “Newcomers Meet, Greet & Eat” event on Tuesday, May 8th at 6:00 pm. Mark your calendars and make sure to join us, meet parish staff, meet other new parishioners and learn about the many ministry opportunities here at St. Joseph. Questions, email caprices@stjosephparish.org
Third Sunday of Easter

Please take a moment to silence your cell phones.

Entrance Songs

(5&11) Jesus Christ Is Risen Today  EASTER HYMN/Wesley

1. Jesus Christ is ris’n to-day, Al-le-lu-ia!
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al-le-lu-ia!
3. But the pains which he endured, Al-le-lu-ia!
4. Sing we to our God above, Al-le-lu-ia!

Our triumphant holy day, Al-le-lu-ia!
Unto Christ, our heav’n-ly King, Al-le-lu-ia!
Our salvation have procured; Al-le-lu-ia!
Praise eternal, as his love; Al-le-lu-ia!

Who did once upon the cross, Al-le-lu-ia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Al-le-lu-ia!
Now above the sky he’s King, Al-le-lu-ia!
Praise him, now his might confess, Al-le-lu-ia!

Suffer to redeem our loss, Al-le-lu-ia!
Sinners to redeem and save, Al-le-lu-ia!
Where the angels ever sing, Al-le-lu-ia!
Father, Son, and Spirit blest, Al-le-lu-ia!

(9) Lift Up Your Hearts  O’Connor

Refrain

Lift up your hearts to the Lord, praise God’s gracious mercy!

Verses

Sing out your joy to the Lord, whose love is enduring.

1. Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth!
2. Let the earth worship, singing your praise,
3. God’s right hand made a path through the night,

Praise the name above all names! Say to God, “How wondrous your works,
Praise the glory of your name! Bless God’s holy name!
D.C.

won-drous your works,
how glo-rious your name!”

God has revealed,
bless God’s ho-ly name!
lift up your voice:
Our God set us free.
First Reading  

Peter said to the people: “The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and denied in Pilate’s presence when he had decided to release him. You denied the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead; of this we are witnesses. Now I know, brothers, that you acted out of ignorance, just as your leaders did; but God has thus brought to fulfillment what he had announced beforehand through the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer. Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away.”

Responsorial Psalm  
Psalm 4  
Haugen

Respect for the name of the Lord:  
Listen to my song, hear me when I call,  
Oh Lord, my God, be gracious, hear my prayer. Ref.

You have called my name, set your seal upon my heart,  
you hear me when I call. Ref.

Fill me with your joy, grant to me your peaceful rest,  
to dwell in safety with my Lord. Ref.

Second Reading  
1 John 2:1-5a

My children, I am writing this to you so that you may not commit sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one. He is expiation for our sins, and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world. The way we may be sure that we know him is to keep his commandments. Those who say, “I know him,” but do not keep his commandments are liars, and the truth is not in them. But whoever keeps his word, the love of God is truly perfected in him.
**Reflection**  
**Dottie Farewell**

**Gospel Acclamation**  
Storrington Mass  
Haugen

**Baptismal Acclamation**  
(5,9&11) You Have Put On Christ  
Hughes

**Offertory Song**  
In The Breaking Of the Bread  
Hurd

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The two disciples recounted what had taken place on the way, and how Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of bread.

While they were still speaking about this, he stood in their midst and said to them, “Peace be with you.” But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. Then he said to them, “Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have.” And as he said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While they were still incredulous for joy and were amazed, he asked them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of baked fish; he took it and ate it in front of them.

He said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, “Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.”

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**Luke 24:35-48**

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**Gospel**

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**Reflection**

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**Dottie Farewell**

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Holy, Holy, Holy

Haugen

Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Mystery of Faith

Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

Great Amen

Amen, amen, amen.

Amen, amen, amen.

Lamb of God

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

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace, 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

Gift Of Finest Wheat
Kreutz/Westendorf

You sat-is-fy the hun-gry heart With gift of fin-est wheat; Come
give to us, O sav-ing Lord, The bread of life to eat.

Easter Alleluia
O FILII ET FILLIAE

Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia!

Recessional

(9) This Is the Day
Roberts

This is the day the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day the Lord has made.
Let us be glad, be glad, be glad, be glad and rejoice in it.

(5:30) Surrexit Christus Alleluia
Berthier


Sur-re-xit Chris-tus ho-di-e, Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.
Join us in praying for the families having children baptized this weekend.

5 pm Mass  
The Baldridge Family  
The Cycyota Family  
The McIngalls Family

9 am Mass  
The Dunn Family  
The Ginter Harrast Family  
The Leland Family  
The Richardson Family

11 am Mass  
The Holm Family  
The Kachachi Family  
The McGrath Family  
The Stark Family  
The Uchitel Family

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**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

**Saturday**
3:30 PM  Reconciliation  
5:00 PM  Mass
Friday, April 27th   10:00 am – 4:00 pm
Chief Seattle Club

“To provide a sacred space to nurture, affirm and renew the spirit of urban Native Peoples” Five days a week, we offer a place where urban American Indians and Alaska Natives, many of whom are homeless and low-income, can join to share a common meal, speak their own languages, access social services, and find peace, without fear of public censure or discrimination. 410 2nd Ave Ext South Seattle 98104   206- 292-6214 http://www.chiefseattleclub.org/

3-8 volunteers needed Ages 18 and older.
Volunteers will be painting the kitchen, wear painting clothes! Lunch provided, bring your own water.

Friday, April 27th  10:00 am – 1:00 pm
Jubilee Women’s Center

Providing safe, affordable and supportive community housing and services for women since 1983 Jubilee serves nearly 1,500 low-income women in the community with classes on technology, life skills and job readiness, community referrals, an open computer lab and free clothing boutique. 620 18th Ave E Seattle, WA 98112, 206-324-1244  http://jwcenter.org

6-12 volunteers needed Ages 21 and older.
Dress comfortably and for the weather. Bring a brown bag lunch. Bring gardening gloves and tools (brooms, trowels, shovels etc optional but encouraged.)

Friday, April 27th  9:00 am – Noon
Peace for the Streets by Kids from the Streets

We exist to support homeless at-risk youth and young adults to become empowered to lead positive and self-sufficient lives. 1609 19th Ave, Seattle, WA 98122 206-726-8500 Ext 111  http://www.psks.org/

4-6 Volunteers needed ages 18 and older.
Volunteers to do Spring deep cleaning and organizing of PSKS mains spaces. Bring your own snacks/water. Dress comfortably.

Saturday, April 28th  10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Pregnancy & Parenting Support:
Catholic Community Services

The primary focus of the Pregnancy and Parenting Support Program is to assist pregnant and newly parenting women, the fathers of the babies, their families and significant others in creating a plan for the unborn child and addressing the pertinent issues integral to making the plan work. 4250 South Mead Street, Seattle 98118 (St Edward Parish, Old rectory) 206-725-2090 http://www.ccsww.org/site/PageServer?pagename=families_pregnancysupport

6-8 Volunteers needed 18 and older. We need 1-2 folks who have a truck for hauling items! Turn over soil in the garden beds, remove weeds, haul away miscellaneous yard items, repair garden boxes, add compost and spread mulch. Some indoor handywork needed. Dress for outdoor work and volunteers need to bring their own gardening tools (shovel, rake, wheel barrow, pruning shears etc..) Brown Bag Lunch.

Saturday, April 28th 10:30 am to 3:30 pm
L’Arche Noah Sealth

The Mission of L’Arche is: To make known the gifts of people with developmental disabilities, revealed through mutually transforming relationships. To engage in our diverse cultures, working together toward a more humane society. 1425 E Ward St., Sea, 98112, 206-325-9434 http://www.larcheseattle.org/

12 Volunteers - children over 12 if accompanied by parent. We will be splitting into 3 groups: One to focus on yard maintenance, another to paint a bedroom and a third sanding and/or painting a back deck. Wear closed toe shoes and grubby clothing you can get paint and dirt on. Lunch and drinks provided.

Saturday, April 28th  10:00 am – 2:00 pm
St. Francis House

St. Francis House is established in the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi to be a presence in Seattle to serve those in need and to inspire simplicity and charity in its volunteers and those they serve. No one is turned away. Everything that is donated to us is given away, free of charge, no questions asked. 169 12th Ave 98122 206-621-0945
8 Volunteers - Children over 12 accompanied by Parent

Spring cleaning inside and out, yardwork, gardening, and donation sorting. Bring work gloves, general yard and outdoor tools (brooms, rakes, trowels, clippers etc.) and cleaning supplies for inside (bucket, gloves, spray bottles, concentrated cleaner) Bring your own snacks/lunch.

Saturday, April 28th 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
St. Vincen de Paul - Georgetown Warehouse

St. Vincent de Paul in Seattle and King County is made up of more than 50 conferences—“all-volunteer neighborhood support groups” who make personal in-home visits and personal contacts to help people with survival and self-sufficiency support. Every year we know our service plays a major role in helping to prevent evictions, all of which are expensive personal and financial tragedies.

About this Event: Volunteers will assist in sorting incoming clothing donations.

10- 20 Volunteers - Ages 14 and older accompanied by parent. Snacks provided. Brown Bag lunch

Saturday, April 28th 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Recovery Cafe

Recovery Café and its School for Recovery serve men and women who have suffered trauma, homelessness, addiction and/or other mental health challenges. In this loving community, men and women experience belonging, healing and the joy of contributing. The Café and School for Recovery helps participants develop tools for maintaining recovery and stabilizing in mental/physical health, housing, relationships and employment/volunteer service. 2022 Boren Ave Seattle, WA 98122 206-374-8731 http://www.recoverycafe.org/

10-12 volunteer - Age 14 if accompanied by parent

Volunteers will help distribute woodchips around the perimeter of the Café. This requires transporting by wheelbarrow and then spreading. Some volunteers needed to do wedding. Dress comfortably for outdoor work. Please bring any wheelbarrows, shovels, rakes, wedding tools and gardening gloves. We serve lunch at 12:30 pm and volunteers are welcome to eat with Café’s members.

Saturday, April 28th 10:00 am – 1:00 pm
Westside Baby

WestSide Baby was founded in 2001 by a new mom who recognized the stresses of caring for an infant. We are the only social service agency in west King county area that collects, inspects and distributes free diapers, clothing, cribs and safety gear for babies and children. More than 114 local social service agencies, including shelters and food banks, rely upon us to provide critical necessities for low-income families. For more information visit their website http://westsidebaby.org/

Volunteers will sort incoming donations along with bundling diapers into care packages to be given to local families.

10- 20 Volunteers - Ages 8 and older accompanied by parent. Wear closed toe shoes and comfortable clothing, bring your snacks and water.

Saturday, April 28th 10:00 am – 3:00 pm
Provail - 2 locations

PROVAIL is one of Washington State’s largest, multi-service agencies dedicated to meeting the needs of children, youth, and adults with disabilities who need an integrated, complex set of services to live life according to their own choices. PROVAIL offers a comprehensive range of services to support people, with even the most severe disabilities, in all major areas of life so they can live, work, play, and fully participate in the community of their choice. Learn more about by going to their website https://provail.org/ For more information contact Sue Grady at sue.e.grady@gmail.com or 503-329-5919.

1548 NE 175th St. Shoreline

5-6 Volunteers ages 12 and older accompanied by Parent. Volunteers will be building vegetable and flower gardens for the residents. Bring your own garden tools, gloves, hand shovels, rakes etc and dress for outdoor gardening! Snacks/Water provided. Brown Bag lunch.

15744 Wallingford Ave N. Shoreline

5-6 Volunteers ages 12 and older accompanied by Parent . At this location, we will digging, bring shovels, rakes, clippers to prune climbing ivy. Wheelbarrows would be ideal, also paper lawn bags Dress for outdoor gardening. Snacks/Water provided. Brown Bag lunch.
Green Thumbs & Warm Hearts

Saturday, April 28

Join us for launching this project through, We Are St. Joseph’s Service Days

Provail’s mission is to support people with disabilities to live life with dignity and purpose.

They achieve this through home & community living, assistance with mobility & communications, as well as employment services.

St. Joseph Parishioner Sue Grady, has a vision for how Catholics can serve this local community through warm, friendly hearts and green thumbs to bring color and beauty into their lives.

As Catholic people of faith, we recognize the needs of the poor and the homeless, but often forget the many opportunities to support those living with disabilities in our community. There are many people with developmental disabilities and traumatic brain injuries whose quality of life could be greatly improved through more interaction with people like us—people who come to their home with respect and compassion to help them enjoy their lives in their homes and in the community.

The intent is to add color to their yards by preparing a garden at each home with flowers and vegetables. We will plant what they want to eat and help them witness the beauty of bringing food from the earth.

If you are interested in exploring a relationship with the clients, there may be an opportunity to work with them again and help care for their garden.

Volunteer to work at one of these homes by signing up for WE ARE ST. JOSEPH. Help bring beauty through the care of God’s creation to these special people.

For more information please email: sue.e.grady@gmail.com or call her at 503-329-5919
St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions: For Steve to find guidance in monitoring his health . . . For Rachel’s recovery and for the amazing support she is receiving from her family and friends . . . For George who lost his closest friends a few days ago . . . For our precious little ones who are being baptized this weekend.

“Live to be signs of Christ, bearers of hope and joy!”
~Brother Roger, found of the Taize Community

**Prayer Tree**

**Ignatian Contemplative Prayer**

The fourth and final of our Contemplative Prayer events sponsored by the Liturgy and Worship Commission will be **Sunday, April 22 from 4:00 to 5:00 pm 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. Fr. Julian Climaco SJ and parishioner, retreat director and 530 mass musician Jennifer Kelly will introduce participants to the imaginative prayer of St. Ignatius of Loyola. One of the hallmarks of Jesuit spirituality, Ignatian Contemplation engages the heart, mind, and soul with Scripture, particularly the Gospels. The aim of this method of prayer is to enter into the events of the bible and to encounter not just the God of yesterday, but also the God of today and forever.

4 PM Meet and greet. All are welcome!
4:10 PM Overview of Ignatian Contemplative Prayer.
4:25 PM Experience Guided Ignatian Contemplation.
4:45 PM Finish with questions and comments.

Questions, contact Jennifer Kelly at watsapur@comcast.net or Fr. Julian Climaco, SJ at jclimaco@stjosephparish.org

**Pope-Pourri**

**APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION - GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE**

**OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS ON THE CALL TO HOLINESS IN TODAY’S WORLD**

“REJOICE AND BE GLAD” (Mt 5:12), Jesus tells those persecuted or humiliated for his sake. The Lord asks everything of us, and in return he offers us true life, the happiness for which we were created. He wants us to be saints and not to settle for a bland and mediocore existence. The call to holiness is present in various ways from the very first pages of the Bible. We see it expressed in the Lord’s words to Abraham: “Walk before me, and be blameless” (Gen 17:1).

What follows is not meant to be a treatise on holiness, containing definitions and distinctions helpful for understanding this important subject, or a discussion of the various means of sanctification. My modest goal is to repropose the call to holiness in a practical way for own time, with all its risks, challenges and opportunities. For the Lord has chosen each one of us “to be holy and blameless before him in love” (Eph 1:4).

*To be continued...*
Seniors On The Go

Tuesday, April 24th - Senior Outing to Holy Family Parish in Kirkland from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. To hear Fr. Julian speak and play piano! It is a potluck luncheon also. Please call Renee to reserve your spot on the bus at rleet@stjosephparish.org or 206-324-2522.

Friday, May 4th - Anointing Mas at 11:30 am in the church. Followed by a luncheon in the Parish Center.

Young Adults

Third Sunday Socials: Canterbury Ale House
Sunday, April 15th - 6:30-8 pm - Canterbury Ale House

New to St Joseph? Not new to St. Joseph? Looking to continue your fellowship outside of Mass? Join us for Third Sunday Socials at Canterbury Ale House (534 15th Ave E, Seattle, WA 98112) on each third Sunday of the month. This is a casual, no-obligation, social way to connect with fellow St Joe’s Catholics. Open to all ages. Meet at the back of church the 5:30pm Sunday Mass or meet us there. Questions? Reach out to Patrick Mireur (pmireur@gmail.com)

Soulful Soups April 16th

Missing those family-style meals from the holidays? Join us for Soulful Soups: Soulful Soups is an opportunity to join fellow young adults for a family-style meal. We will be wrapping up Soup season on April 16th, with plans to begin again in the Fall. Join us for our last session and to end the year well! email Callie for the address/to RSVP: cturgeon10@gmail.com

Summer Softball Team! Sign up by May 1st!

Now that the Mariners have opened their season, have you been dreaming about knocking a line drive down the third base line, or catching that pop fly out in right field? Pull out your old glove and get ready for an epic summer of softball! We are looking for players of all skill abilities and fans of all cheering abilities! Games will be on Monday or Thursday evenings from June 4 - August 2, with an end-of-season tournament on August 11. The cost is $40 for an 8-game season, the final tournament, and more fun than you can imagine!

Sign up now at www.stjosephparish.org no later than Tuesday, May 1st! Any questions? Email youngadultcommunity@stjosephparish.org

Budget Shortfall Update

Thank you for the wonderful response to the letter Father Whitney wrote concerning our budget shortfall this year. To date we have received $72,000 in gifts earmarked for the shortfall of $150,000. We are just shy of half way to our goal. If you did not receive a copy of the letter or have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me.

Thank you,
Marti McGaughey
Pastoral Assistant for Administration
marti@stjosephparish.org

Men’s Ministry Spring Retreat

Begins: Friday, May 4th – 8:00 pm
Ends: Sunday, May 6th ~ 11:00 am
Location: Dumas Bay Retreat Center, Federal Way
Bring toiletries, a sleeping bag, pillow & towel.
Register to Reserve a Spot – Cost $195
Animators – Rob Carroll, Dick Ellis, Kevin Farewell, Pablo Proano, Josh Sanderson, Dave Spicer.

To reserve your spot, email Deacon Steve stegov@stjosephparish.org

Young Adult Opportunity

Contemplative Leaders in Action (CLA) in Seattle - Applications are now being accepted for the 2018-2020 cohort! Are you in your 20's or 30's and searching for a community of peers who are striving to be purposeful leaders grounded in faith? Contemplative Leaders in Action (CLA) is a two-year faith formation and leadership development program for young adults (20's and 30's) rooted in the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. While the program nurtures individual growth, it also strives to develop a cohort of leaders who can bring the dynamics of faith and justice to lead their families, co-workers and communities.

Visit www.contemplativeleaders.org to learn more and apply, or email parishioner and Regional Coordinator Maria L. Ochoa at mochoa@contemplativeleaders.org with your questions.
St. Joseph Women’s Ministry

Spring Mass & Potluck

May 11, 2018
6-8:30 pm
Parish Center

Join our vibrant community & Fr. Julian Climaco as we welcome SPRING!

Bring a friend and food & drink to share!
RSVP women@stjosephparish.org
Online Bible Study

Did you know that St. Joseph has an Online Bible Study with reflections written by parishioners? If you don’t already follow us, sign up. This is a 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 deepen your prayer life through their reflections. https://stjosephparishbiblestudy.wordpress.com If you are interested in being one of our writers please email theresal@stjosephparish.org

Sunday Parenting Group: Love in the Family

Join other families, during our Sunday Hospitality Hour, 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. Meet by the Social Hall stage around 10:20 am. For more information, contact Dottie Farewell at dfarewell@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1652.

Catholicism 101 Series

 Begins Tuesday April 17 and continues every Tuesday until May 15.

 From 7:00 pm – 8:30 - Parish Center, Brebeuf Room

This 5 week series is intended for both Catholic and Non-Catholics who are seeking a better understanding of the basic tenants of Catholic Teaching. There will be a balance of content, group discussion, and an integration of various Catholic Prayer styles to help nurture your faith journey.

Topics Covered
• Faith, Desire for God & The Creed
• Jesus and Incarnational Theology
• Catholics & the Bible
• Sacraments
• Catholic Social Teaching
• Mary & the Saints

This series is Co-Facilitated by, Amanda Baumgartner & Theresa Shepherd-Lukasik.

Any questions, theresal@stjosephparish.org

JESUIT PUGET SOUND

A Long, Loving Look at the Real: Praying with Stories of Racism and Privilege

Wednesday, April 25, 2018 - 6:30 pm Social | 7:00 pm Program - Parish Center, Seattle
Lucas Sharma, SJ, facilitator | Mary de Rosas, Mary Pauline Diaz and Deino Scott

Come to an evening of reflection on racism and privilege, facilitated by Seattle University sociology lecturer and Jesuit-in-formation, Lucas Sharma, SJ. Listen to the insights of three local Ignatian-inspired leaders - Mary de Rosas, Mary Pauline Diaz and Deino Scott - who will share their real life stories of racism and privilege. Join them in taking "a long, loving look at the real" (Walter Burghardt, SJ). Experience how Ignatian prayer and the Spiritual Exercises can lend a God's-eye perspective on our stories of both love and lament in the journey toward racial justice.

PLEASE RSVP BY APRIL 23: https://www.ignatiancenter.org/this-ignatian-life
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Co-sponsored by the Ignatian Spirituality Center and St. Joseph Parish
Sister Parish Water Project Update

In January, St. Joseph sent a delegation to our sister parish in El Salvador with good news: our Seattle community had generously raised sufficient funds to build the new water system! At a meeting with the seven affected communities, the residents were visibly moved with the news; their hard work and prayers had been answered. They asked us to pass along their gratitude and blessings to their brothers and sisters in Seattle. They also are grateful to Dave Spicer and the Rotary Club for providing the pumps.

The have committed to provide us with regular updates, so here is the first of several:

“We were all surprised and overjoyed with the good news. All the communities said they were ready to work. We formed a Water Project committee made up of leaders in each affected community, along with our our administrators, Ramon and Emelina. They began in early February, ordering materials and generating all the proper documentation. We put a shovel in the ground and officially started the project on March 5th, 2018.

The project has been divided into two stages: one is the pumping, and the second is to install the filters to make the acidic water suitable for human consumption. While the pipes are being laid, we are building the main filter, which is almost complete. The administrators hired three bricklayers for the new water storage tanks and a construction manager who is overseeing the work.

Each family that will benefit from the new water system is required to either contribute money or labor. Since families in the community have very little money, most will contribute their labor. The committee is coordinating the community working groups that work each day. Because each beneficiary is working on volunteer days. Each worker is given a “voucher” from the administrators, which represents the value of a day’s work by each family. Each voucher is then put their file, so we can keep track of everyone’s contributions.

The committee received the permit to dig the trenches, where we will lay the pipe, some of which has already begun. Each worker does the task of digging six meters (about 20 feet) of trench, installs the pipe, and buries it again. It is hard work, but the families rejoice in knowing they will have drinkable water finally. The work of trench digging is almost complete, we have another half a kilometer to reach the existing tanks.

Our expenses to date are: thirteen thousand five hundred and seventy-two dollars with fifty-five cents. By tomorrow we will pay for more expenses, including masonry, materials and other miscellaneous expenses. This should have arrived on Saturday but because of Easter we did not work last week.

Thank you again to our hermanos y hermanas of St. Joseph for your generosity and prayers. We pray for you every day and give blessings for our hermanamiento (sistering). We invite you all to visit your brothers and sisters anytime!

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Join the Corps: Catholic Relief Services Parish Ambassador Corps

The Missions Office is extending an invitation to participate in a Catholic Relief Services initiative called the Parish Ambassador Corps (PAC). PAC is a corps of local Catholic volunteers who are passionate about global solidarity and want to take action.

CRS ambassadors receive formation on the spiritual roots of our call to care for those in need during two trainings. Participants then become part of a nationwide CRS Ambassador community, sharing encouragement, prayer and resources. Trained and equipped, Ambassadors help with Rice Bowl as well as two other initiatives over the course of the year. One PAC parish was recently featured in Northwest Catholic for its Ethical Trade initiative.

Are you committed to inspiring others, as disciples of Jesus Christ, to put the teachings of the Church into practice on a global level? If so, join the Missions Office for a “Come and See” on Saturday, April 21 from 2-5 pm. at the Archdiocese of Seattle. To register, go to: https://goo.gl/JgPkVr

If you have questions, please contact the Missions Office at 206-382-4580 or missions.office@seattlearch.org
The Relics of Saint Padre Pio
come to the Archdiocese of Seattle

Saturday, May 5, 2018
St. James Cathedral

9:00am MASS
celebrated by Archbishop Sartain

10:00am-4:30pm
VENERATION of the RELICS

Come venerate the official relics of Saint Pio of Pietrelcina, on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of his death (September 23, 1968).

ALL ARE WELCOME.

St. James Cathedral is located at 9th and Marion on First Hill in downtown Seattle.

Information,
www.stjames-cathedral.org

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