Feast of the Baptism of the Lord
January 11, 2015

Homily Next Week:
Father John D. Whitney, S.J.

Readings for January 18, 2015
First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20
Gospel: John 1:35-42

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

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

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

Parish Center Hours
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Hearts of Flesh
I will give them an undivided heart and put a new spirit in them;
I will remove from them their heart of stone and give them a heart
of flesh.

Ezekiel 11:19

Several months ago, I received a call from a former student of mine
at Seattle University, whom I had not seen in years. Glecy de Leon
had gone on a SEARCH retreat when I was the photographic chap-
lain, and had become a friend. Though we had spoken several times
during her years at SU, we had lost track of each other after she
graduated from the School of Nursing. She had joined the Peace
Corps, serving two years as a health care worker in Central Amer-
ica. Though I knew she was back in Seattle, thanks to Facebook; I
was surprised when she called and asked to see me. Sitting in my
office, she told me that she felt restless and unsatisfied. Though her
job, working as a nurse with heart patients in their homes, paid
well and helped others, she continued to long for something more.
We spoke for awhile about discernment and prayer, and I tried to
encourage her to trust the guidance of her heart, which seemed to
me to be filled with goodness.

Then, about two weeks before Christmas, as I was writing prayers
for the pageant and choosing decorations for the vestibule, Glecy
texted me again and asked to meet. I invited her for coffee, and we
sat at the high table in the back of Tully’s, where she told me of her
the results of her discernment: she had left her job in nursing and
signed up with USAID to go as a health worker to Sierra Leone,
serving those infected with the Ebola virus. With a smile of both
nervousness and excitement, she informed me that the next day,
she was heading to Maryland for two weeks of training, after which
she would be transported to West Africa, where she would work
for six weeks in the hot and primitive conditions of an Ebola ward.
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.

After those six weeks, she said, she would be returning to the States—where she would be quarantined for three more weeks before, at last, returning home.

Sitting across the table from this young woman, listening to her outline these plans in her gentle Filipino accent, I imagined her parents, who had come to the United States to find a better life for their children. I am not sure this is what they imagined, but I was sure that this was the greatest sign of their success. Indeed, I was a bit in awe of Glecy, and a bit jealous. At each mention of her trip, her face lit up—ignited by the power of the call she filled her with energy and hope. Though nervous, she manifested a brilliance and zeal that touched my heart. Sensing that this was a moment of great grace—an epiphany, if you will—I gave her the only thing I had to give: a relic of St. Francis Xavier, that I keep in my office. Who better, I thought, to go with her than Xavier, that wandering Jesuit saint who signed his last letter to Ignatius, “your least son in farthest exile.” With the relic in her hand, we parted with blessings and promises of prayer.

In the days since Glecy left, whenever I pray for her, I marvel at the grace that somehow moved her to take up this work. What part of her formation and development kept her from being satisfied with the comfortable and the ordinary? Somehow, it seems, through the example of her parents and teachers, through Seattle University and the SEARCH retreats, through her reception of the Sacraments and countless homilies of various quality, God had gotten to Glecy, vaccinating her against the culture of self-interest and self-protection, of fear and ego that seeks to infect us all. In discerning the deepest movement of her heart, this young woman had found a desire not for wealth or professional advancement, not for safety or comfort. Instead, she sensed that God was waiting for her in Africa, among the poorest and most outcast of her sisters and brothers. Fear, inconvenience, hardship, even the judgment of those who thought her crazy could not stop her, because the Spirit of God was upon her, a Spirit to whom she has opened her life in every way imaginable. Professed of no religious vows, except those of a baptized Christian; ordained to no priesthood, save the priesthood of all believers, Glecy de Leon has accepted a call of grace, responding to it with alacrity and joy.

God has poured out the Spirit of life in abundance on the Church, ordaining each one of us for the healing and redemption of the world. That does not mean that all of us are called to go with Glecy to Africa, though it may mean that some of us are. What it does mean is that each one of us is called to become the woman or man we are made to be, called to embrace the world with hearts of flesh, and not of stone. With incautious desire and compassionate love, we must follow the Way that Christ has cleared for us, and listen to his voice, summoning us forward.

Every woman, baptized in Christ, is called to become a priest of Christ: sanctifying the world in her body and her blood. Every man, baptized in Christ, is called to become a prophet of Christ: speaking the truth in the face of denial and violence. Every person, baptized in Christ, is called to the kingship of Christ: laying her life down for all those in need, offering himself with love and with joy. Some will follow this call through parenthood or marriage, some through the practice of law or the building of homes. For some, the call will lead them to the care of homeless youth, and for others it will call them to the sick of foreign lands. Some it calls to political advocacy, and others to the silence of monastery. We, as a Church, must come to recognize all these calls, must come to accept the ordination all have been given in Christ Jesus. In this, we acknowledge that the Spirit has baptized each of us, so that all of us, together, might live.

Glecy (on the left) in 1997
ORDER OF CELEBRATION
FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Prelude

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Song

All Are Welcome

Marty Haugen

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell And all can safely live, A place where saints and children tell How hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams and visions, Rock of faith and vault of grace; Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

2. Let us build a house where prophets speak, And words are strong and true, Where all God's children dare to seek To dream God's reign anew. Here the cross shall stand as witness And as symbol of God's grace; Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:

3. Let us build a house where love is found In water, wine and wheat: A banquet hall on holy ground, Where peace and justice meet. Here the serve and teach, And live the Word they've known. Here the taught and claimed As words within the Word. Built of tears and cries and laughter, Prayers of faith and songs of space; As we share in Christ the feast that frees us:

4. Let us build a house where hands will reach Be love and proph hands all can dwell All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

5. Let us build a house where all are named, Their walls out cast the stranger Bear the im gae of God's grace; Let this house proclaim from floor to raft er: face; Let us bring an end to fear and danger:

Reception of the Children (9)
LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 55:1-11

Thus says the LORD:  
All you who are thirsty,  
come to the water!  
You who have no money,  
come, receive grain and eat;  
come, without paying and without cost,  
drink wine and milk!  
Why spend your money for what is not bread,  
your wages for what fails to satisfy?  
Heed me, and you shall eat well,  
you shall delight in rich fare.  
Come to me heedfully,  
listen, that you may have life.  
I will renew with you the everlasting covenant,  
the benefits assured to David.  
As I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander of nations,  
so shall you summon a nation you knew not,  
and nations that knew you not shall run to you,  
because of the LORD, your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, who has glorified you.  
Seek the LORD while he may be found,  
call him while he is near.  
Let the scoundrel forsake his way,  
and the wicked man his thoughts;  
let him turn to the LORD for mercy;  
to our God, who is generous in forgiving.  
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.  
As high as the heavens are above the earth  
so high are my ways above your ways  
and my thoughts above your thoughts.

Assembly: Thanks be to God.

Christ Will Be Your Strength

David Haas

Christ will be your strength! Learn to know and follow him!
Responsorial Psalm

Canticle of Isaiah - You Will Draw Water Joyfully!

With joy you shall draw water from the springs of endless life with joy you shall draw water from the living well of God

Second Reading 1 John 5:1-9

Beloved: Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God, and everyone who loves the Father loves also the one begotten by him. In this way we know that we love the children of God when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith. Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came through water and blood, Jesus Christ, not by water alone, but by water and blood. The Spirit is the one who testifies, and the Spirit is truth. So there are three that testify, the Spirit, the water, and the blood, and the three are of one accord. If we accept human testimony, the testimony of God is surely greater. Now the testimony of God is this, that he has testified on behalf of his Son.

Assembly: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Christmastime Alleluia Chepponis

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

Matthew 2:1-12

This is what John the Baptist proclaimed: “One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

Assembly: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Father John D. Whitney, S.J.

RITE OF BAPTISM (9)

Baptism Acclamation

You Have Put On Christ

Howard Hughes

Acceptance of the Gospel & Dismissal (5)

Dismissal Song

John Bell
Offertory Song

Christ Be In Your Senses

Mary Louise Bringle

1. Christ be in your senses, marked with sacred sign.
2. Christ be in your vision, guard you day and night;
3. Christ be in your breathing, constantly impart

In the Incarnation flesh became divine.
Keep your feet from stumbling, shine God's holy light.
Grace to every movement, peace within your heart.

Christ be in your hearing, tune you to rejoice;
Christ be in your speaking, train your every word.
Christ be in your senses, marked with sacred sign.

In each shout or whisper, hear God's calling voice.
In your daily witness, let God's truth be heard.
In the Spirit's presence, flesh becomes divine.

Invitation to Prayer

Priest: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

Assembly: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

Preface Dialogue

Priest: The Lord be with you.

Assembly: And with your spirit.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

Assembly: We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Assembly: It is right and just.
Holy, Holy, Holy

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

Mystery of Faith

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

Great Amen


Lamb of God

Jesus, Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world have mercy on us. Jesus, Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world grant us your peace.
Invitation to Communion

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

Assembly: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Communion Song

You Are the Voice

David Haas

You are the voice of the living God,
calling us now to live in your love, to be
children of God once again!

Verses

1. Praise for the light that shines through the night, from darkness to light, from death to new life, and praise to the seed that gives life to all who believe, God's love over

2. Praise for the water that springs from the sea, the new heart and voice, all raise the song of praise to create

3. Praise for the singing and praise for the dance, with morning that brings forth the sun, to open our eyes to the Lord! flowing, our hearts know the joy to be daughters and sons of the Lord! a-tion; all heaven and earth, come sing of the glory of God!

To open our eyes to the Lord! For
To be daughters and sons of the Lord! For
Come sing of the glory of God! For
Dear Brothers and Sisters: In our continuing catechesis on the family, and inspired by the Christmas image of Our Lady who presents her Son to the world, we now reflect on the role of mothers in society and in the Church. For all our symbolic glorification of mothers, their important contribution to the life of society, their daily sacrifices and their aspirations are not always properly appreciated. Mothers are an antidote to the spread of a certain self-centredness, a decline in openness, generosity and concern for others. In this sense, motherhood is more than childbearing; it is a life choice, entailing sacrifice, respect for life, and commitment to passing on those human and religious values which are essential for a healthy society. Archbishop Oscar Romero spoke in this regard of a “martyrdom of mothers”, whose sensitivity to all that threatens human life and welfare is a source of enrichment for society and the Church. Today I ask you to join me in thanking mothers everywhere for what they are, and for all that they give to the Church and to our world.

~Pope Francis, General Assembly 7 January 2015
**Stewardship**

**Thank You for Saying Yes!** We can’t begin to express our gratitude to parishioners who have affirmed membership in our parish and made a pledge of support for 2015. Our vibrant parish would not be what it is without your consistent support.

As of January 8th, we have received $909,815.00 toward our $1,500,000 goal. If you have yet to send in your annual affirmation of membership or pledge of support for 2015, please feel free to pick up a yellow envelope in the back of the church, or contact stewardship@stjosephparish.org. **Thank you!!**

**IRA Charitable Rollover Extended**

On Friday, December 19th, President Obama signed HR 5771 into law. The IRA Charitable Rollover allows individuals over age 70 ½ to directly transfer up to $100,000 per year from an IRA account to one or more charities—including St. Joseph Parish & School. This transfer counts toward the minimum required distribution rule for IRA accounts, and such distributions are free of both income and estate taxes. For more information, please consult your financial advisor, visit the Archdiocese planned giving webpage at http://www.seattlearchpg.org/?pageID=30, or contact Tina, our Pastoral Assistant for Stewardship & Development, at stewardship@stjosephparish.org or 206.965.1654.

**Online Giving**

Online Giving looks a bit different with our new website. After you set up your account the first time, you will find a much more user-friendly and interactive system. You can make one-time gifts—or set up recurring gifts—and receive reminders before gifts are processed. A new feature is that you can also direct funds from either your credit card or a bank account. Don’t hesitate to contact Tina if you’d like her assistance with entering your first gift in the new system. She can be reached at 206.965.1654 or stewardship@stjosephparish.org.

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**This Week At St. Joseph**

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*For additional information about these or any other upcoming events, please visit our website at www.stjosephparish.org or call the Parish Center at (206) 324-2522.*
St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions:

- For a friend whose service dog has disappeared...
- For those who are carrying heavy burdens upon their hearts...
- For the people who are seeing Auschwitz after being liberated 70 years ago...
- For Dennis who is improving after surgery...
- For those who are recovering from breast cancer...
- Thankful for the donors and volunteers to our annual Epiphany dinner – it was wonderful for all who attended...
- Let there be peace on earth and let it begin in our hearts and thoughts, words and actions.

“I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia, the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit together at the table of brotherhood.”

~ Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

If you have petitions you would like included in the prayer tree, including birth announcements, illnesses and deaths, please call the parish office at 206-324-2522 ext 100 or email rleet@stjosephparish.org.

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Noel House Collection

On New Year’s Day, parishioners donated $2,598.00 to Noel House Programs to provide safe, comfortable shelter to a diverse community of homeless women, particularly those most vulnerable. Thank you for your generosity! Since its inception in 1990, Noel House Programs—a St. Joseph Parish outreach partner and program of Catholic Community Services—has offered nightly shelter to single women experiencing homelessness. Over the years, Noel House Programs has grown to include a variety of services, including referrals to 15 emergency shelters, nightly meal service, and case management at the main Noel House shelter. In total, Noel House Programs assist 72 women with nightly shelter, 20 women with permanent housing and 180 women with nightly emergency shelter. For more information about St. Joseph Parish’s ministry to women in need, please visit https://www.stjosephparish.org/158/noel-house.html

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The Rosary At St. Joseph

St. Joseph parishioners have been praying the Rosary since the church was built. The grace of the prayer to the Holy Mother has lit the journey to Jesus through painful addictions in families, the loss of loved ones and when everything seems darkest. Many Catholics have historically viewed Mary as the person who will defeat evil on earth.

Everyone is welcome to pray the Rosary, Mondays from 7 to 8 pm in the Parish Center Loyola Chapel.

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Choir Needs You!

Singers! This is a great time to join the St. Joseph Choir. We’re all rested up after a full season of singing during the Fall and Advent and Christmas and we’re ready to start rehearsals for Lent and Triduum and Easter. The choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings from 7-9 and we sing the 9 am mass each Sunday as well as holy days and the Triduum. For more information or to schedule an audition please contact Music Director Robert McCaffery-Lent, visit the Music Liturgy area of the website or talk with any choir member!
Liturgy & Worship

“The Singing Thing”

An opportunity to reflect on Baptism...young and old!

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, marking the end of the Christmas season though seemingly far removed from all the festivities. The decorations at Macy’s, the Christmas Carols at Starbucks have long ago been left behind. Even the “after Christmas” sales seem a distant memory, though upcoming credit card bills will bring it back to the fore for many. But in my neighborhood in Tacoma many families still have their homes adorned with festive lights. Our tree will finally come down on Monday and our home will become more reflective of “Winter Ordinary Time.”

Because of this situation this has always been a difficult weekend to plan liturgically. Singing Christmas Carols seems strange, though we WILL sing the Christmastime Alleluia one more time! This weekend we hear the story of the Baptism of Jesus as he is revealed, in yet another “Epiphany,” to the people of his time. Tomorrow we begin to hear the scriptures of the beginning of Christ’s ministry on earth. But today we are invited to ponder baptism – Christ’s and our own – which initiated all of us into life as a member of Christ’s body...the Christian community.

To help us in this reflection we celebrate the baptism of a number of babies born to members of St. Joseph community in the past few months. How many of us even remember our baptism? Unless you were initiated as an adult as a part of the RCIA it was a decision made by your parents and we didn’t have much to say about it. But we have plenty to say about it now, don’t we? How do we speak of our baptism? I am reminded of the words of St. Francis of Assisi: “Preach the gospel at all times...use words when necessary.” We speak of our baptism by our lives: by what we choose to do with the gifts we have been given; by the quality of our living and loving if you will. Which also brings to mind the words of Blessed Mother Teresa “We are called not to do great things but to do small things with great love.” Some of us may indeed do great things, but most of us toil in that world where we, indeed, try our best to do small things with great love, trusting that they will be enough. It is enough. How we all long to hear these words spoken to us and to take them to heart and truly believe that the gifts we offer are enough.

As we celebrate the baptism of the newest, youngest members of the community, we are also blessed to welcome several adults, who have begun a process of discernment into the Catholic community formally via the process of RCIA: the Rite Of Christian Initiation of Adults. These women and men remind us that each of us is called and chosen, and must choose our response. At the 5 pm Saturday Mass we have the opportunity to welcome them, and their sponsors, as brothers and sisters along the Way. At this liturgy these men and women introduce themselves to the community and publicly state their desire to continue the journey towards full initiation in the Catholic church. After this the community affirms their desire and also publicly states their promise to support and encourage them along the way.

Then we celebrate one of the more unusual rites in the church: the “Signing of the Senses,” whereby the candidates are “signed” with the sign of the cross on various parts of their body by their sponsors as we call down the Spirit and pray for their strength on the journey. As the gathered community we give voice to this prayer by singing “Christ will be your strength; learn to know and follow him.” Following the homily, they are invited forward again for the First Acceptance of the Gospel and we pray that the word may be for them a source of strength and nourishment, a light on the path. Finally they are sent forth with a member of the RCIA team to reflect more deeply on the word that we all heard that day. They are now officially “catechumens” (those as yet unbaptized) and “candidates” (those previously baptized) anticipating the day when we will be at the Eucharistic table together come Easter.

Comments? Questions? Ideas for bulletin columns? Contact Music Director Robert McCaffery-Lent: Rmclent@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1649.
Faith Formation

Preparation for Older Children Baptism

If you have a child five years of age and older whom you would like to be Baptized into the Catholic Faith, please set up an appointment with Deacon Steve Wodzanowski at stevew@stjosephparish.org or 206-965-1646. The plan is to gather monthly (Jan-April) with family catechesis at home between sessions. Children younger than seven receive the Sacrament of Baptism only at a designated Sunday Mass during the Easter Season – this year that date is Sunday April 19th at the 9:00 am Mass. Classes are all on Thursday evenings from 6-7:30 pm, Jan. 29, Feb. 26, March 26 and April 16th. For more information, contact Deacon Steve Wodzanowski (206) 965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org

Ignatian Spirituality 101: An Introduction to Ignatian Prayer & Spirituality

Thursday, January 15, 2015 | 7:00 - 9:00 PM
Mother Teresa Room, Parish Center

Pope Francis, the first Jesuit Pope, is grounded in Ignatian spirituality, but many do not know fully what that means. What is Ignatian spirituality all about? How might I incorporate Ignatian prayer and spirituality into my life? If you would like to know more, this evening introduction to the basics of Ignatian prayer and spirituality is for you! The evening will include: introductions, opening prayer, an overview of the life of St. Ignatius and Ignatian spirituality, experiences of Ignatian prayer, and more information on how to continue to grow in Ignatian spirituality through the ISC, Magis: Alumni Living the Mission, Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life (SEEL), and Christian Life Communities (CLC). Light snacks will be provided. People of all ages, faith traditions and spiritual backgrounds are welcome. If you are already familiar with Ignatian spirituality, we encourage you to think of family, friends or colleagues who might be interested and invite them to attend!

No cost. Free will offering. For more information or to RSVP, email Andrea Fontana, Program Coordinator, at andrea@ignatiancenter.org or call 206.329.4824. Sponsored by the Ignatian Spirituality Center (www.ignatiancenter.org).

Jesuit Values for Life

9 Tuesday evenings from 7-9 pm
January 20 - March 24

What would it mean to live in an Ignatian way? What would Jesuits themselves name as their core values and how might you incorporate them into your own way of living? The Jesuits have indeed named 8 Characteristics of Our Ways of Proceeding – certain attitudes, values and patterns of behavior born in the life of St. Ignatius, shared by his companions and recently resurrected by the Jesuits in their worldwide congregations. Come absorb personal reflections by Jesuit and lay presenters steeped in the Ignatian tradition, deepen your understanding of what it means to be Ignatian, and engage with others interested in the Jesuit charism.

COST: $130 (partial work scholarships available). TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT: Register online at www.ignatiancenter.org (go to the "Under an Ignatian Influence" page) and pay the $30 non-refundable registration fee by Thursday, January 15, 2015. If you have any questions, contact Andrea Fontana at andrea@ignatiancenter.org or (206) 329-4824.

Agape Middle School Summer Service Week

Are you a middle school student or a parent of a middle schooler? Have you heard of the Agape Service project and always wanted to go? Agape Service project is a one week long immersion service trip for current 5th-8th graders. It is held in Whatcom County and run through Western Washington University’s Newman Center. This year’s trip will begin Sunday, August 2nd thru Friday afternoon, August 7th. We are always looking for adult chaperones! For more information, please contact Erin Tobin at cff@stjosephparish.org
Sunday Morning Childcare

On Sunday mornings, during the 9 am Mass, we offer childcare for children 1 year to 4 years old. This is a time for our youngest parishioners to begin experiencing church through play and community.

Children are supervised by our experienced infant and preschool teacher, Dawn Gomez, along with youth volunteers. Parents may want to use this service every week or on a drop in basis—we allow for both!

If you feel you will regularly use childcare, then you will want to register.

• Childcare begins in September and ends in June.
• We have a winter break and Easter break, but otherwise, childcare is available each Sunday morning during the 9 am Mass.
• Registration is online and the cost for Sunday childcare is $50 for the year. Drop-in is available with a $5 per child per use charge.
• If your child is sad or needs you during Mass, we will notify you by text.

The childcare room is located in the Social Hall, to the right (south end) of the stage.

For more information you may contact sundaychildcare@stjosephparish.org

RCIA

This weekend we welcome the following adults who are desiring to join the Catholic Faith thru the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A).

By their participation in the Rite of Acceptance this Saturday January 10th at the 5:00pm Mass, they now will begin a more intensive time of learning about the Faith, teachings and traditions of Catholicism.

Each has a sponsor to accompany them, but at the heart of the RCIA process is a community of faith that joins in welcoming these newcomers. In the coming weeks, their pictures will be on display. Please keep them in your prayers and feel free to give them ample words of encouragement and support for their journey.

A warm St. Joseph’s welcome to our new friends in the Lord!

Aaron Ambuske
Adam Omidpanah
Aime Mitchell
Arthur Carre
Brittany Walter
Eleanor Johnson
Jacob Hiatt
Jeff Hawkins
Jon Kelley
Jonathan MacKinnon
Kristi Quo
Lea Weber
Lindsey Myers
Matthew Hipps
Michelle Danica Michael
Oren Maulkin
Sean O’Donnell
Shannah Striker Wischik

Family Mass & Dinner Dance Party

Please come February 7th to the 5:00 pm Mass to worship together. After Mass, join us for pizza, pasta, salad, bread & beverages. $10.00 for the first adult, $5.00 for each additional family member.

DJ, dancing, and an art wall for entertainment. Don’t miss out on all the fun! RSVP to cff@stjosephparish.org.

All are welcome (reminder to CFF 1 & 2 families: participation in this event is part of your formation program). To volunteer please contact David Hein at davidh@okigolf.com

Hosted by the PAB & Parish.
CYO Volleyball
WHAT: Volleyball sign ups
WHO: Girls and Boys in 4th-8th Grade
WHEN: All registrations due by Jan. 14th
Go to: http://www.stjosephsea.org/volleyball
REGISTRATION FEE: $65
Please contact Liz Pauldine (effell@comcast.net) with any questions regarding the volleyball program.

Catholic Schools Week Open House
Please join us on Sunday, January 25th after the 9:00 am Mass for a St. Joseph School open house. Meet our teachers, view student work & learn more about our phenomenal school!

Endowment Golf Tournament Needs Volunteers!
The St. Joseph Endowment Board is looking for leaders and volunteers to organize the 3rd Annual Endowment Golf Tournament to be held on May 14 at Newcastle Golf Club. If you are interested in helping with sponsorships, auction and/or event planning, please contact Eunhee Sumner at STJEgolf@gmail.com. The success of this event is dependent on your involvement, and we appreciate your support.

Generations of children have benefited from the gift of Catholic education from St. Joseph School. That gift has come from many sources: tuition paid by committed parents; significant annual contributions from St. Joseph Parish; vigorous annual fundraising; the dedicated efforts of the school’s volunteers, staff and teachers; and support from alumni.

Seniors On The Go
Tuesday, January 13th - Senior Planning Meeting - Join us at 11:30 am in the Parish Center to plan our next few months of Senior activities. Call Deacon Steve if you have any questions, 206-965-1646.

Friday, February 6th - Healing Mass at 11:30 am followed by lunch in the Parish Center.

Women’s Ministry
Please join our St. Joseph Women’s Ministry Group Coffee Connect to sip and socialize Saturday, January 17th at Tully’s 10 am -11am. Contact Sheila Marie at 206.251.7035 for more information.

Ad Marjoram Dei Gloriam Concert Series
Cappella Romana - Good Friday in Jerusalem
Friday, 6 February 2015, 8:00 pm - St. Joseph Parish

Cappella Romana soon releases its 21st recording of music for Good Friday in Jerusalem. Hear Medieval Byzantine chant, the fraternal repertoire to Latin chant in the West, composed for 8th and 9th-century celebrations of Holy Week in Jerusalem’s Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Hymns from the seventh to the ninth centuries by Jerusalem’s great church fathers—Patriarch Sophronios, Kosmas the Melodist, and Saint John Damascene—include the famous Orthodox hymn “Semeron krematai” (“Today He who is hung upon the tree”) sung to its original medieval melody.

For tickets, please visit www.cappellaromana.org
Cabrini Ministry

HAVE A HEART 2015 ANNUAL DINNER & AUCTION
Saturday, January 31st, 2015 at 6:30 PM
Holy Family Parish
7045 120th Avenue NE, Kirkland, WA
To purchase tickets: www.cabriniministry.org

Choose Life Ministry

Advising for the Unborn

The Choose Life Ministry at St. Joseph’s help inform our community that life is more than a choice, it is sacred gift.

Every effort to save a human life, each and every life, puts a smile on the face of the Lord, as we accept and cherish his greatest gift. We organize around our involvement in the Pro-Life Movement and help to spread awareness of the many activities there are to get involved. As a small group, we come together whenever there is new information or programs available to discuss recent events and decide how to share this with the rest of the community.

Prayer serves to connect us and is, in itself, efficacious. As Mother Teresa once said: “Prayer is the strongest weapon that we have”. Many of us gather each first Thursday to pray the rosary and enjoy the companionship of community.

Get Involved

Contact us and we will be sure to let you know when there are pro-life activities, such as meetings, demonstrations, and prayer gatherings. For more information, please email Peter Wurmbauer at chooselife@stjosephparish.org

Dialogue for Justice

Catholic Advocacy to Reduce Poverty

The Dialogue for Justice is an Archdiocesan-wide initiative to strengthen Catholic advocacy on behalf of poor and vulnerable people in our communities. The goal of the Dialogue for Justice is to partner with parishes and Catholic organizations to effectively advocate to reduce poverty in our communities through educating grassroots advocates, convening advocacy gatherings, providing legislative briefings, coordinating and supporting in-district meetings with legislators, encouraging participation in Catholic Advocacy Day, and providing advocacy resources to parishes and groups.

The Dialogue for Justice is sponsored by the Archdiocese of Seattle and coordinated by Catholic Community Services, the Intercommunity Peace & Justice Center, and the Washington State Catholic Conference.

Together, our advocacy…

• Protects the dignity of people who are poor and vulnerable;
• Takes seriously our responsibility to ensure that the rights of persons in need are realized; and,
• Urges legislators to implement programs and policies that give priority to the human dignity.

Save the Date

Advocacy Forum
Sunday, February 8
2 - 4 pm at Immaculate Conception Parish

Stay tuned to the bulletin for additional details!
Questions, call Deacon Steve at 206-965-1646.

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A Gift for the Ages

By remembering St. Joseph Parish in your estate planning, you can ensure that the graces you and your family have received will be sustained for future generations.

Remembering St. Joseph in Your Estate Planning

- Create a will or living trust, or revise an existing one.
- Decide the gift you would like to designate for St. Joseph Parish and/or School.
- Inform your dependents about your desire to designate gifts for St. Joseph.
- Provide your attorney with our suggested bequest language:

  I give, devise, and bequeath to St. Joseph Parish, Seattle (Tax ID# 91-0588423), a tax-exempt organization doing business at 732 18th Ave. E, Seattle, WA, 98112, the sum of $______________ (or) ___________% of my estate (or property described herein), to be used for ____________________________.

  (You may specify your purpose, e.g., buildings & grounds, liturgy, social ministry, formation, etc.)

Any questions, please contact St. Joseph Parish at 206-324-2522 x-114, or stewardship@stjosephparish.org. Informing us of your intent helps us carry out your wishes. Thank you!