“I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?”
Oil and Touch

_Six days before Passover Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. They gave a dinner for him there, and Martha served, while Lazarus was one of those reclining at table with him. Mary took a liter of costly perfumed oil made from genuine aromatic nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and dried them with her hair; the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil._

- _John 12: 1-3-

Tom Cooney became friends with my father when they served together as FBI agents in Richland, Washington, around 1948. Cooney, a New Yorker and graduate of Notre Dame, seemed naturally drawn to Bill Whitney, the lanky Bostonian who had attended Holy Cross. Perhaps it was because both had been Naval officers in World War II, commanding the same type of ship, an LST (i.e., Landing Ship, Tank). Although Cooney had served in the European theater—landing men on the beaches of Normandy during the D-Day invasion—while my father had served in the Pacific, their tie as veterans and East Coasters was an early attraction in those first days in Richland. But their tie grew stronger when they married just about a month apart from each other, and brought their brides to the high desert of Eastern Washington. Among the few married FBI agents in the area at that time, Tom Cooney and my father, along with Tom’s wife, Joan, and my mother, Kay, quickly became inseparable friends, forming a bond that lasted for the rest of their lives. Indeed, Tom Cooney was the last person, outside of our family, who saw my father alive.

It was 1988, and my father, who had been in an induced coma since suffering a stroke after open-heart surgery, was moving towards his death. I was the only one at the hospital when Tom arrived, early in the morning on the second day after surgery. Invited by my mother, who knew so well the great love between the two men, Tom and I went together into my father’s room, where he stood beside the bed, talking to my uncharacteristically silent father of old times and of the wonderful women they had both married. But it was the last moment that I remember most, when he reached over and placed his hand atop my father’s motionless one, and shaking it slightly said softly, “Good bye, old pal.”

From that day in my father’s room, Tom Cooney, along with his wife, Joan, became even more important participants in the life of our family. Whether welcoming my mother and I to their summer home in McCall, Idaho, or coming to Seattle to celebrate the annual banquet for the Knights of the Holy Sepulcher (of which Cooney was a member), Tom and Joan made every effort to include my mother and our family into their life. He attended my Ordination in 1994 and Final Profession in 2001. After my mother’s death, and, later, Joan’s, Tom became a frequent guest of my brother and sister in-law, charming my niece with his tales from around the world, and my nephew with his memories of World War II. For all of us, Tom Cooney represents a living link to our parents, and a model of how to age with grace and kindness, with an amused acceptance of his
fragility but without any premature surrender to death. A man of deep faith and proven patriotism—he was recently named a Chevalière by the French government, in recognition of his heroism during the Normandy landings—Cooney does not fear death, which he trusts will reunite him with those he has loved, but still embraces every bit of life he can, even at age 97.

This last week, visiting my brother in California, I had intended to go into the city to visit Cooney at the condo he and Joan shared for over 50 years, but was surprised to learn, when I arrived, that he was in the hospital, for a second time, after surgery for a suspected aneurism. Having been released home too soon the first time, Cooney had returned to the hospital the day I arrived, complaining of weakness and nausea, with some respiratory abnormalities added in. While it appeared that he was in no imminent danger of death—though at 97, that remained uncertain—he would be hospitalized for at least a few more days, just to be on the safe side.

Thinking of all he had meant to my family, and of how much I wanted to see him while I still could, I gathered up the Oil of the Infirm and headed into San Francisco, where my sister-in-law and I found Tom in bed, ailing and nauseated but still, somehow, in good spirits and delighted to see us.

We spoke for a few minutes that day, about the Giants—whose game was muted on the television above Tom’s bed—and about Gonzaga’s hopes for an NCAA Championship. I caught Tom up on the lives of the northern wing of the Whitney clan, and he reminisced about my father and mother, and about how much Joan and my mother loved smokey piano bars and good champagne. And after the memories and the laughter, I asked Tom if he wanted to receive the Sacrament, and he took my hand to say yes—as overcome, I think, as I was, by the moment and the history we shared. In the next few minutes, I was blessed to serve not just as my parents’ son attending to an old friend, but as priest to this good and holy man. Placing my hands on Tom’s head and praying on behalf of the People of God that he might receive the grace of the Holy Spirit, I thought of all those who were in that room with me: not just my sister-in-law, April, or Tom’s care giver, but also my parents and Joan Cooney, Tom’s parents and all those in that great cloud of witnesses who surround us always but seem closer in moments like this—in what the Irish call “the thin place.”

And as I rubbed the sacred oil into his hands, and made the sign of the cross in oil on his forehead—inviting the others to bless him, as well—I was overcome again at the power of grace, which meets us just where we are and carries us into the presence of God.

In the last few weeks, it seems there have been an abundance of calls for the Sacrament of the Sick: from the anointing of a small child preparing for serious surgery, to the farewell blessing of a former drug addict whose fear of death at last gave way to the peace and promise of the dawning grace. I have prayed the Church’s prayer in the Parish Center Chapel, holding the hands of a young mother on her way to yet another round of chemotherapy, and I have rubbed sacred oil into the hands of a woman in a nursing home, whose children and grandchildren were not sure she would make it through the night. I have placed the oil on the forehead of a man younger than myself, lying in his own bed surrounded by his grown children, and have encouraged them to bless him with their own prayer as his time of trial and resurrection came near. And in all these moments, I could sense the power of God gathering the history of each of these women and men, losing not a bit of their life, but consecrating it all, so that they might gain strength and peace, in preparation for what was yet to come. For some, that “yet to come” might mean the journey through death; but for many others, it is the journey back to physical recovery, a journey often hard, but made easier by the presence of God and of the Church manifested in the touch of oil and the words of consecration.

In the house of Lazarus, who had been raised from the dead by the words of the Savior, Jesus chose to spend his final days before going up to Jerusalem. There, in the Holy City, he would face trial and death, and would embrace his Hour of Glory. But before that, while still in Bethany, Mary, the sister of Lazarus, moved to anoint Jesus with fragrant oil and wipe the oil with her hair—all as a sign of her love for him, and her communion with him in his suffering and his glory. There is, I think, no better image of the meaning of the Sacrament of the Sick than this story of Jesus and Mary. For every time we gather with one who is sick, one who shares with Christ the road of suffering and the promise of glory, we are like Mary, giving to our beloved One the only gift we have: a gift of prayer and promise, of our own spirit joined to theirs in the symbols of oil and touch.
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Welcome to St. Joseph. Please take a moment to silence your cell phones.

Introit

Choral: When Jesus Wept  Billings/Custer

When Jesus wept the falling tear, in mercy flowed beyond all bound.
When Jesus groaned a trembling fear, seized all the guilty world around.

Processional Song

Tree Of Life  Haugen

1. Tree of life and awesome myst’ry, In your
dead we are re-born, Though you die in all of
lives beyond our death; Hold us close through each to-

2. God of all our fear and sorrow, God who
spirits of our Lord; Give new strength to our be-

3. Light of life beyond conceiving, Mighty
on through act and word, Ev’ry person lost and

4. We remember truth once spoken, Love passed
though our steps may be, One with you in joy and

5. Christ, you lead and we shall follow, Stumbling
history, still you rise with ev’ry morn, Still you
morning, Love as near as ever breath. Love as
living, Give us faith to live your word. Give us
broken, Wears the body of our Lord, Wears the
sorrow, We the river, you the sea, We the
rise with ev’ry morn.

Confiteor

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

(Strike breast during next line)

through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault.
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Kyrie

Kyrie Jubilate Deo  Plainchant

Ky-rie eleison. Ky-rie eleison.


Ky-rie eleison. Ky-rie eleison.
First Reading  
Ezekiel 37:12-14  
Thus says the LORD God: O my people, I will open your graves and have you rise from them, and bring you back to the land of Israel. Then you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and have you rise from them, O my people! I will put my spirit in you that you may live, and I will settle you upon your land; thus you shall know that I am the LORD. I have promised, and I will do it, says the LORD.

Responsorial Psalm  
Psalm 130

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD; Lord, hear my voice!  
O let your ears be attentive to the sound of my pleadings.  
If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?  
But with you is found forgiveness, that you may be revered.  
I long for you, O LORD, my soul longs for his word.  
My soul hopes in the Lord more than watchmen for daybreak. Let Israel hope for the LORD.  
For with the LORD there is mercy, in him is plentiful redemption.

Second Reading  
Romans 8:8-11

Brothers and sisters: Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; on the contrary, you are in the spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in you. Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is alive because of righteousness. If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the One who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit dwelling in you.

Gospel Acclamation  
Vermulst

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ. King of endless glory!  
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will never die.

Gospel  
John 11:1-45

Now a man was ill, Lazarus from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who had anointed the Lord with perfumed oil and dried his feet with her hair; it was her brother Lazarus who was ill. So the sisters sent word to Jesus saying, “Master, the one you love is ill.” When Jesus heard this he said, “This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it.” Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that he was ill, he remained for two days in the place where he was. Then after this he said to his disciples, “Let us go back to Judea.” The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just trying to stone you, and you want to go back there?” Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours in a day? If one walks during the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. But if one walks at night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him.” He said this, and then told them, “Our friend Lazarus is asleep, but I am going to awaken him.” So the disciples said to him, “Master, if he is asleep, he will be saved.” But Jesus was talking about his death, while they thought that he meant ordinary sleep. So then Jesus said to them clearly, “Lazarus has died. And I am glad for you that I was not there, that you may believe. Let us go to him.” So Thomas, called Didymus, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go to die with him.”

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, only about two miles away. And many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him; but Mary sat at home. Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask...
of God, God will give you.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise.” Martha said to him, “I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus told her, “I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” She said to him, “Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world.”

When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary secretly, saying, “The teacher is here and is asking for you.” As soon as she heard this, she rose quickly and went to him. For Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still where Martha had met him. So when the Jews who were with her in the house comforting her saw Mary get up quickly and go out, they followed her, presuming that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who had come with her weeping, he became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Sir, come and see.” And Jesus wept. So the Jews said, “See how he loved him.” But some of them said, “Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man have done something so that this man would not have died?”

So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay across it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the dead man’s sister, said to him, “Lord, by now there will be a stench; he has been dead for four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus raised his eyes and said, “Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me.” And when he had said this, he cried out in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, “Untie him and let him go.”

Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in him.

Homily

Deacon Steve Wodzanowksi

Third Scrutiny (5:30)  We Long to Rise to New Life  Browning

![Musical notation]

We long to rise to new life, deliver us, O Lord.

I Am the Bread Of Life  Toolan

![Musical notation]

And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up, and I will raise you up on the last day.

Dismissal of the Elect (5:30)  There Is One Lord  Taize

![Musical notation]

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism;

There is one God, who is Father of all.
Offertory Song

The Cross Of Jesus

1. Come, O God, re-new your peo-ple, We who long to see your
2. Deep with-in cre-ate a new heart; Melt a-way the win-ter
3. In the dark-ness that sur-rounds us We have lost you from our
4. Call us forth to walk in jus-tice. Res-cue us from sin and

face. Stren-then hearts that have grown fee-ble;
chill. Help us now to make a new start,
sight. E-ven though your love has found us,
g rave. Through the pow-er of your Spir-it,

Fill our lives with truth and grace. On-ly you can win our
Help us now to know your will. Washed in wa-ters of for-
We em-brace the powers of night. Scat-ter now our deep-est
Breathe in us the breath that saves. Stren-then us in our com-

free-dom; On-ly you can bring us peace.
give-ness, Cleansed in wa-ters of new birth,
dark-ness. Guide our hearts in-to the light.
mun-ion, One in Word and cup and bread.

On-ly in the cross of Je-sus Will the cap-tives find re-lease.
Lead us to the cross of Je-sus, Bring-ing life to all the earth.
Join us to the cross of Je-sus. Help us set our liv-ing right.
Here with-in the cross of Je-sus, All who hun-gry will be fed.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Mass XVIII

Plainchant

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry.

Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Mystery of Faith

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro-claim your Death, O Lord,

un-til you come a-gain.
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  O Breathe On Me, O Breath of God  Hatch/ST. COLUMBA

1. O breathe on me, O Breath of God, Fill me with life a - new,
2. O breathe on me, O Breath of God, Un - til my heart is pure;
3. O breathe on me, O Breath of God, My will to yours in - cline,
4. O breathe on me, O Breath of God, So shall I nev - er die,

That I may love the things you love And do what you would do.
Un - til my will is one with yours, To do and to en - dure.
Un - til this self - ish part of me Glows with your fire di - vine.
But Live with you the per - fect life Of your e - ter - ni - ty.

Mercy, O God

Mer-cy, O God, have mer - cy on us. Send down your mer - cy to
set us free. Mer-cy, O God, have mer - cy on us.

Send down your mer - cy to set us free.
Song of Praise

From Ashes to the Living Font

ST. FLAVIAN

1. From ashes to the living font Your Church must journey, Lord, Baptized in grace, in grace renewed By your most holy word.
2. Through fasting, prayer, and charity Your voice speaks deep within, Returning us to ways of truth And turning us from sin.
3. Our graves split open, bring us back, Your promise to proclaim; To darkened tombs call out, "A rise!" And glory your name.
4. From ashes to the living font, Your Church must journey still, Though cross and tomb to Easter joy, In spirit it fire ful filled.

ST. JOSEPH FINANCIAL UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who gave a donation in March! We had a good month, we not only met our income monthly budget goal for the first time this year but we decreased our income deficit by 15K. This is largely thanks to an additional 55 families who pledged their stewardship for the 18/19 fiscal year. This has given us all great hope. It is a great start but with 3 months to go in this year we still need more participation. We can defer some more maintenance projects and we are working hard at coming in under budget in every expense category. However, these cuts are still not enough to make up a 129K income deficit. We have a remaining 1000 active families that have not made a stewardship pledge this year. If those families just pledged, we would have a balanced budget.

I am starting to work on next year’s budget as our church fiscal year is July 1st to June 30th. We are beginning to have some difficult conversations on staffing, programs and donations. No one wants to hear the bad news. We simply cannot continue to operate at the same level of expenses without an increase in income. We would all much rather all be out raising donations for others from our Sister Parish to St. Vincent de Paul or Catholic Community services or standing together for social justice issues. That is the heart of St. Joseph and where we all want to be. The reality is we can’t continue to bless others without taking care of ourselves first. We must come together as a Parish to keep up the level of programs and staffing that has drawn everyone to St. Joseph so we can continue our wonderful work.

Thank you also to everyone who reached out with questions, I love it! I am happy to talk to everyone with questions about St. Joseph, please call me at 206.965.1648 or marti@stjosephparish.org

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Ordinary Income

Donations and Fundraisers

Business Income

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Total
Journey to Jerusalem

A Parish Day of Reflection & Reconciliation
13 April 2019, Noon - 4:00 PM
Individual Sacramental Reconciliation
Available Throughout This Time

Soup & Stations

Join us to pray the Stations of the Cross in the church. Then join us for a soup supper.
Wednesday, April 10th, 6:00 pm in the church.

Hosted by our Faith Justice Commission.
St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions: For Joel to be able to sleep well and to know God's Mercy. May Maryellen’s surgery go well and be blessed with a full recovery. Bless Mike as his work keeps him here in Seattle. May God’s strength and wisdom be with us all.

O most merciful Redeemer, friend and brother,
May I know thee more clearly,
Love thee more dearly,
Follow thee more nearly.

~Saint Richard of Chichester

Come Pray With Us!
Monday Night Prayer Groups
Join us in prayer this Monday 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. Please arrive before 7 pm as the doors are locked right at 7.

Pray the Stations of the Cross
Every Friday during Lent at 11:00 am. All are in the church.

The Paschal Triduum

Thursday, April 18th
7 pm - Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord’s Supper
Collection will be given to Rice Bowl

Friday, April 19th
12 to 2 pm - Reconciliation
(in front of the altars of Mary & Joseph)
2:15 to 3 pm - Stations of the Cross
3:15 to 5 pm - Reconciliation
7 pm - Good Friday of the Lord’s Passion
Collection will be given to the Holy Land

Saturday, April 20th
8:30 pm - Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, April 21st
7 am, 9 am & 11 am
(Easter egg hunt for small children following the 9 am Mass)
Racial Justice Book Group
Please join other parishioners in our next meeting on Tuesday, April 9th, 2019 at 7PM in the parish center to discuss the book *The Sympathizer* by Viet Thanh Nguyen. Mary DeRosas will be our facilitator. Our group provides a safe and respectful place to address racism through the lens of the Gospel, and for discerning action steps in response. If you cannot join us please read along on your own. Everyone is welcome-men and high schoolers are especially invited to join us. Please email Mary de Rosas at mderosas@pnwimmigration.com with any questions or to RSVP.

Pregnancy & Parenting Support Program
ANNUAL BREAKFAST FOR LIFE Fundraiser!
April 13th, 2019
St. Edward school cafeteria 4200 S Mead Street,
at 8:30 -10am

We invite you to join us at our “Breakfast for Life” fundraiser! Your unconditional support helps PrePS continue to provide services to families that are pregnant and have children under the age of 5. Some of these families find themselves experiencing, homelessness, language barriers, and often times are unable to provide some of the basic baby items to their newborns and toddlers. Come join us and learn how your support has an impact on the families that seek help from PrePS.

Deacon Steve is hosting a table, please contact him if you would like to join stevew@stjosephparish.org

Faith Justice

Faith Justice Pilgrimage Walking & Witnessing for Immigrant Families
Join people from parishes across Western Washington in a prayerful walk showing solidarity with immigrant families. St. Joseph plans to participate by organizing a group of walkers that will join pilgrims from St. Mary’s and St. James Cathedral on Tuesday, May 7th walking to Our Lady of Guadalupe in West Seattle where there will be a dinner. The walk is approximately 7 miles and will begin at approximately 10:30 am at St. Mary’s after morning Mass. St. Joseph will provide return transportation after dinner. More details will be forthcoming.

We are also planning to provide transportation to the Northwest Immigrant Detention Center in Tacoma on Saturday, May 11th for the concluding Mass celebrated by Auxiliary Bishop Elizondo at 11:00 am. The Mass will be celebrated on the road in front of the Detention Center.

We need you to register with us ASAP if you are interested in walking to Our Lady of Guadalupe and/or bussing to the Detention Center for the concluding Mass. Please contact Vince Herberholt – vherberholt3@comcast.net or 206-491-4486. For more information about the overall pilgrimage please consult the following website - https://wacatholics.org/prayerwalk2019

KINO Border Initiative:
Education & Immersion Opportunity
St. Joseph is forming a ministry relationship with the Jesuit KINO Border Initiative (KBI) in Nogales, Arizona, USA and Nogales, Sonora, Mexico. KINO provides humanitarian aid, education and advocacy for immigrants and refugees on both sides of the Border. We hope to have an educational program at St. Joseph in late April with Joanna Williams, KBI’s Director of Education and Advocacy. We are also hoping to put together an Immersion in Nogales for parishioners so we can experience the border first hand and serve the immigrants coming to their program. For more information on KBI, please check out their website - https://www.kinoborderinitiative.org

We would like to start collecting the names and contact information of parishioners who are interested in participating in an immersion experience at the border offered by KINO. For more information and to indicate your interest in an immersion, please contact Vince Herberholt – vherberholt3@comcast.net or 206-491-4486.

Kino Border Initiative
Iniciativa Kino para la Frontera

Pregnancy & Parenting Support Program

St. Vincent de Paul
Collection this weekend.
Help support our neighbors!
**Parish Life**

**Yound Adult Ministry**

*Lenten Books and Brunch:*

We are reading “I’ll Push You” by Patrick Gray and Justin Skeesuck. The book is about two lifelong friends who do the Camino de Santiago together, one of them in a wheelchair. The book shares their experience on the Camino in all its many physical, emotional, and spiritual ups and downs. Please join us for a potluck brunch and discussion on Saturday April 13th from 11-1. Questions? Contact Jenny at spinkj91@gmail.com

**Holy Week Reflection**

Please join us Monday, April 15th at 6:30 pm in the Arrupe Room, as we start Holy Week with a reflection on excerpts from The Passion of the Christ. We will be watching portions of the film followed by discussion and meditation in preparation for the Triduum. Join us in this opportunity to find greater meaning and a deeper connection to Holy Week. Please bring beverages or sides, a light soup supper will be served. Contact Jenny Spink with questions - spinkj91@gmail.com. We hope to see you there!

**Welcome!**

**New? Visiting? Interested?** Are you visiting for the first time? Interested in knowing more about the ministries and activities at St. Joseph Parish? Please join our weekly e-news blast at www.stjosephparish.org and click on the “Sign up for our eNewsletter” link in the upper right corner of the homepage. Thank you!

**Register!** Are you a Catholic attending Mass at St. Joseph Parish, yet haven’t officially registered? Join us!

**Why register?** St. Joseph Church is a vibrant parish offering many avenues for ministry, connecting with other parishioners and spiritual development. We’d love to get to know you, connect with you, and inform you of our various activities, groups and events going on at the church. Please pick up a registration form in the back of the church or go online to register at www.stjosephparish.org and click on the “Join Our Parish” link.

**Seniors On The Go**

*Thursday, April 11th - 11:30 am to 1:00 pm* Seniors ministry planning meeting in the Parish Center. Brown bag lunch optional. Bring your ideas and enthusiasm. For details contact Deacon Steve at 206 965 1646. Newcomers welcome!

**Men’s Ministry Mass**

Please join us for our Lenten Mass & Potluck Supper

*Friday April 12th, 6pm – 8:30 pm – Parish Center*

Fr. Julian Climaco, SJ presiding

Bob McCaffery-Lent leading us in song

Back by popular demand: Vegetarian Lasagna provided! Bring a salad, bread or side dish and beverage of choice to share. RSVP to Deacon Steve at 206-965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org

**Women’s Ministry**

**Coffee Connect**

Join us Saturday, April 13th from 11am to 12 pm at Vios Cafe on 19th Ave E. and Aloha. Come sip and socialize, bring a friend! Any questions, please contact Sheila Marie 206 251 7035 or smarie49@comcast.net

**Filipino Parishioner Meeting**

*MONDAY, APRIL 8.*

A lively core group of Filipino parishioners have been meeting these past months discussing unique Filipino faith traditions that can be introduced to the St. Joseph community. We welcome anyone interested to join in, especially our Filipino-American parishioners. We’ve started looking at Flores de Mayo (Flowers of May) to be celebrated the weekend of May 18th. It’s a fun group where meeting up is synonymous to having food! The next meeting is April 8, Monday, at 6:30pm to 8:30pm at the Parish Center - Mother Teresa Room. For more information contact Ray Manahan at ray.manahan@outlook.com or Roger Rigor at rrigor1@comcast.net
**Online Bible Study**

Did you know that St. Joseph’s has an Online Bible Study with reflections written by Parishioners? This is the perfect opportunity to make a little space in your busy week to read and pray with the Scriptures for the upcoming Sunday. Join our online community and allow your fellow parishioners to help deepen your prayer life through their reflections. You can also find our online bible study on the top of the weekly e-newsletter that is sent out on Thursday, just click the button that says “Online Bible Study”.

https://stjosephparishbiblestudy.wordpress.com/

**Recorded Homilies**

St. Joseph is now recording the homily each weekend. We are sharing those recordings on our website, www.stjosephparish.org and also on our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/stjosephseattle. Please feel free to listen and to share them with others. We hope you enjoy this new feature.

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**Pope-Pourri**

**POST-SYNODAL APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION CHRISTUS VIVIT OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS TO YOUNG PEOPLE AND TO THE ENTIRE PEOPLE OF GOD**

1. Christ is alive! He is our hope, and in a wonderful way he brings youth to our world, and everything he touches becomes young, new, full of life. The very first words, then, that I would like to say to every young Christian are these: Christ is alive and he wants you to be alive!

2. He is in you, he is with you and he never abandons you. However far you may wander, he is always there, the Risen One. He calls you and he waits for you to return to him and start over again. When you feel you are growing old out of sorrow, resentment or fear, doubt or failure, he will always be there to restore your strength and your hope.

3. With great affection, I address this Apostolic Exhortation to all Christian young people. It is meant to remind you of certain convictions born of our faith, and at the same time to encourage you to grow in holiness and in commitment to your personal vocation. But since it is also part of a synodal process, I am also addressing this message to the entire People of God, pastors and faithful alike, since all of us are challenged and urged to reflect both on the young and for the young. Consequently, I will speak to young people directly in some places, while in others I will propose some more general considerations for the Church’s discernment.

4. I have let myself be inspired by the wealth of reflections and conversations that emerged from last year’s Synod. I cannot include all those contributions here, but you can read them in the Final Document. In writing this letter, though, I have attempted to summarize those proposals I considered most significant. In this way, my words will echo the myriad voices of believers the world over who made their opinions known to the Synod. Those young people who are not believers, yet wished to share their thoughts, also raised issues that led me to ask new questions.

To read all of Christus Vivit go to
https://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco_esortazione-ap_20190325_christus-vivit
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