“That the dead will rise even Moses made known in the passage about the bush, when he called out ‘Lord,’ the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob; and he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive.”
Conversion at the Heart of Our Call

Part Four - Jesuit Mission and the Universal Apostolic Preferences

For the Company of Jesus, it is clear that the Spirit of Jesus “is calling us, as “men for and with others,” to share with lay men and women what we believe, who we are, and what we have, in creative companionship, for “the help of souls and the greater glory of God” (GC34, d.13, n.26).

-Peter Hans Kolvenbach, S.J.-

The Universal Apostolic Preferences, which I promulgate with this letter, are the fruit of an election. A choice has been made among several possibilities, all of them good. Our desire has been to find the best way to collaborate in the Lord’s mission, the best way to serve the Church at this time, the best contribution we can make with what we are and have, seeking to do what is for the greater divine service and the more universal good.

-Arturo Sosa, S.J.-

In the wake of the Intervention by the Holy See and the continuing distrust of the Society of Jesus by many in the hierarchy of the Church, Fr. Peter Hans Kolvenbach, Superior General of the Jesuits, was called upon to both inspire the men under his care, and assuage the fears and doubts of many prelates. From the time of his election in 1983 until his resignation was accepted by the 35th General Congregation in 2008, Kolvenbach worked to deepen the spirit of Vatican II among Jesuits, and to ground the Society more fully in the Church to which it was called. At the same time, he worked to defend the Jesuits from those who saw the Society as a bastion of secularism and political liberalism. These Church leaders, whose stated goal was to “reform the reform”—i.e., undo what they saw as the “excesses” of Vatican II—believed in a “smaller, purer Church,” and found Jesuit spirituality, and Jesuits themselves, as a threat to papal and episcopal authority, as well as to the rising tide of traditionalism and legalism that sought to emphasize sexual morality over issues of justice and to increase restrictions on liturgical practices and inculturation. Even as late as 2008, when GC35 was meeting in Rome, there were still rumors that those close to Pope Benedict were seeking the suppression of the Society—although Kolvenbach’s style of governance, as well as his friendships with both Benedict and John Paul, seemed to insure the safety of the Society, even as his dedication to the mission of the Society, gave solace to those working in the tradition of Vatican II.

In publishing his Universal Apostolic Priorities—i.e., China, Africa, the Intellectual Apostolate, the Roman Houses, and Refugees—Kolvenbach reveals the balancing act of much of his generalate. With these 5 priorities, he is educating Jesuits to their need to care for the universal Society, and the Church, while also reminding them that they must not simply “hunker down,” but keep their eyes and hearts open to new regions towards which the Society of Jesus might be called. Having brought the Society’s law into coordination with the 1983 Code of Canon Law for the universal Church—a requirement of Vatican II—and having worked to empower interprovincial and provincial planning, Kolvenbach published these priorities as a way to focus Jesuits themselves towards a good that included both the mission of the Society (as articulated in the General Congregations) and the mission of the Church, of which the Society must be a part. And the effect of these priorities was both to evoke the loyalty of the Jesuits to the Church, and to energize the members of the Society for new works. Take for exam-
ple the former Oregon Province, which sent Fr. Gary Smith to the refugee camps of Uganda, and various scholastics to study in China; which signed a covenant of support with the Province of Zambia, and supported Seattle University in setting up an engineering program there; which missioned Fr. Patrick Lee to the Pontifical Biblical Institute’s house in Jerusalem, and sent Fr. Bryan Pham to study Canon Law at the Gregorian. Each of these decisions emerged, to some extent, from the priorities which Fr. Kolvenbach gave to the Society, and each helped serve both the mission of the Society and the workings of the universal Church.

With the resignation of Fr. Kolvenbach in 2008, however, and especially with the election of Pope Francis—the first Jesuit ever to be elected Pope—it became clear to the members of the Society that the motivation behind the Universal Apostolic Priorities had become somewhat dated. China was no longer a newly opened land, and Africa—though still wracked by poverty—was already becoming a strong and independent part of the Church and Society. Further, although the other universal priorities were not unimportant, the need to provide such evidence of commitment to the universal Church seemed less vital when a former delegate to the General Congregation sat in the chair of Peter. Finally—and perhaps most importantly—although the Universal Apostolic Priorities were important directives to Jesuits, they did not fully recognize how much the mission of the Society had become a mission in collaboration, i.e., integrally connected with the lay partners and other religious and secular women and men of the Church. For this reason, General Congregation 36 declared: “Aware of the urgency of the present moment and of the need to involve all the Society and its apostolates in responding to these calls, this Congregation asks Father General, working closely with the Conferences and Provinces, to develop clear goals and guidelines for our apostolic life today” (GC36, d.1, n.38). This call of the Congregation began a process of listening to the ministries and communities of the Society—both Jesuit and lay partners—that would result in changing not just the priorities of the Society, but the nature of the Jesuits’ universal call.

At the end of a 16 month process, in which the communities and works of the whole Jesuit world were asked to respond to their sense of the needs for the Society today, what came forward were not new priorities, but these four Universal Apostolic Preferences:

1. To show the way to God through the Spiritual Exercises and discernment;
2. To walk with the poor, the outcasts of the world, those whose dignity has been violated, in a mission of reconciliation and justice;
3. To accompany young people in the creation of a hope-filled future;
4. To collaborate in the care of our Common Home.

The Universal Apostolic Preferences, published this year by the current Superior General of the Jesuits, Fr. Arturo Sosa—with the approval of Pope Francis—are different from the Universal Apostolic Priorities of Kolvenbach not just because of the things they name, but in their underlying nature. Whereas Kolvenbach’s priorities are “universal” in that they point to the ministries for which all Jesuits are jointly and commonly responsible, these preferences are “universal” in that they are meant to permeate all the works of the Society, and to permeate, as it were, the hearts of all those who share in these works—both Jesuit and lay partners. They are “preferences” not “priorities” in that they are not meant to order various works in relationship to others; but instead they are meant to call a person, or a community, or a ministerial team into a kind of conversion. These four preferences are not four separate works nor locations—i.e., not priorities, in that sense—but rather four dimensions of a single movement, which, in the language of the Spiritual Exercises, we might speak of as the call to place ourselves under the banner of the Cross, as that cross is experienced today. Intentionally promulgated for only the next ten years, these preferences are for this moment, even though some elements of them may either come from or extend beyond the current time.

In looking at these preferences, and even before asking how a ministry such as St. Joseph Parish and School incarnate them, one would do well to see how much they are in line with the history of the Society—and the current history of the Church. Just as Vatican II called all religious orders to renew their original charism, so these preferences identify the particular gifts of the Society for the Church as the Spiritual Exercises and the tradition of discernment found in Ignatius and the early Companions. Further, this preference—like all the preferences—indicates that the inheritance of the Exercises and discernment does not instill power upon us, but only responsibility; thus, we are “to show the way” not lead the way, suggesting we (i.e., all Jesuit and lay partners) are but pilgrims among pilgrims. Further, in the second preference, one sees an affirmation and deepening of the call given to the Society since GC32—i.e., “the service of faith of which the promotion of justice is a necessary element”—though here contextualized by a humility derived from the current, post-scare scandal world. We are not to be servants or saviors of the poor, but rather pilgrims with them; thus, the call is “to walk with” in an attitude consistent with the incarnate Christ. This is equally true of the third and fourth preferences, which call us “to accompany” and “to collaborate”—both indicators of the spirit emerging from Pope Francis and the most recent documents of the Jesuits. In all of these preferences, there is a genuine realization that Jesuits cannot be following Christ in the world, and be living or working as Lone Rangers: our mission, begun in the conversion of our hearts and the authenticity of our lives, exists with not just for others. And whatever particular work we may do, it becomes “for the greater glory of God” only when we do it in the body of Christ, which is the People of God.
Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Entrance Song

For All the Saints

SINE NOMINE/Vaughan Williams

1. For all the saints who from their labors rest, All
2. O blest communion, family divine!
3. But then there breaks a yet more glorious day: The
4. From earth’s wide bounds, from ocean’s farthest coast, Through

who by faith before the world confessed, Your
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine; Yet
saints triumphant rise in bright array: The
gates of pearl streams in the countless host,

name, O Jesus, be forever blest. All
all are one with in your great design.
King of glory passes on his way.
Sing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:

alleluia! alleluia!

(5:30) In the Shadow Of Your Wings

O’Connor

In the shadow of your wings I will sing your praises, O Lord.

Gloria

See Cards In Pews

First Reading

2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14

It happened that seven brothers with their mother were arrested and tortured with whips and scourges by the king, to force them to eat pork in violation of God’s law. One of the brothers, speaking for the others, said: “What do you expect to achieve by questioning us? We are ready to die rather than transgress the laws of our ancestors.”

At the point of death he said: “You accursed fiend, you are depriving us of this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up to live again forever. It is for his laws that we are dying.”

After him the third suffered their cruel sport. He put out his tongue at once when told to do so, and bravely held out his hands, as he spoke these noble words: “It was from Heaven that I received these; for the sake of his laws I disdain them; from him I hope to receive them again.” Even the king and his attendants marveled at the young man’s courage, because he regarded his sufferings as nothing.

After he had died, they tortured and maltreated the fourth brother in the same way. When he was near death, he said, “It is my choice to die at the hands of men with the hope God gives of being raised up by him; but for you, there will be no resurrection to life.”
Psalm 17

Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

O LORD, hear a cause that is just; pay heed to my cry.
Turn your ear to my prayer: no deceit is on my lips. Ref.

I kept my steps firmly in your paths. My feet have never faltered.
To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God. Turn your ear to me; hear my words. Ref.

Guard me as the apple of your eye. Hide me in the shadow of your wings.
As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;
when I awake I shall be filled with the vision of your presence. Ref.

Second Reading

Brothers and sisters: May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting encouragement and good hope through his grace, encourage your hearts and strengthen them in every good deed and word.

Finally, brothers and sisters, pray for us, so that the word of the Lord may speed forward and be glorified, as it did among you, and that we may be delivered from perverse and wicked people, for not all have faith. But the Lord is faithful; he will strengthen you and guard you from the evil one. We are confident of you in the Lord that what we instruct you, you are doing and will continue to do. May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the endurance of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead; to him be glory and power, forever and ever.

Gospel

Some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection, came forward and put this question to Jesus, saying, “Teacher, Moses wrote for us, If someone's brother dies leaving a wife but no child, his brother must take the wife and raise up descendants for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman but died childless. Then the second and the third married her, and likewise all the seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. Now at the resurrection whose wife will that woman be? For all seven had been married to her.” Jesus said to them, “The children of this age marry and remarry; but those who are deemed worthy to attain to the coming age and to the resurrection of the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. They can no longer die, for they are like angels; and they are the children of God because they are the ones who will rise. That the dead will rise even Moses made known in the passage about the bush, when he called out ‘Lord,’ the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob; and he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive.”

Homily

Glen Butterworth, S.J.
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

Fraction Anthem: My Flesh Is Food Indeed

Cantor/Choir: My flesh is food indeed and my blood is drink indeed, says the Lord. Ref.

Cantor/Choir: Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood dwell in me and I in them. Ref.
Unless A Grain Of Wheat

Refrain

Un-less a grain of wheat shall fall up-on the ground and die,

it re-mains but a sin-gle grain with no life.

Verses

1. If we have died with him, then we shall live with him;
2. If any one serves me, then they must fol-low me;
3. Make your home in me as I make mine in you;
4. If you re-main in me and my word lives in you,
5. Those who love me are loved by my Fa-ther;
6. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you;

1. if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.__
2. wher-ev-er I am, my ser-vants will be.
3. those who re-main in me bear much fruit.__
4. then you will be my dis-ci-ples.__
5. we shall be with them and dwell in them.__

Song of Praise

We Shall Rise Again

1. Come to me, all you wea-ry, with your bur-dens and pain.
2. At the door there to greet us, mar-tyrs, an-gels, and saints,

Take my yoke on your shoul-ders and learn from me:
And our fam-ly and loved ones, ev-ry-one freed from their chains.

I am gen- tle and hum-ble, and your soul will find rest,
We shall feel their ac-cep-tance, and the joy of new life.

For my yoke is eas-y and my bur-den is light.
We shall join in the gath-er-ing, re-u-nit-ed in God's love!

We shall rise a-gain on the last day with the faith-ful, rich and
poor. Com-ing to the house of Lord Je-sus, we will find an o-pen

door there, we will find an o-pen door.
**Parish Life**

**About refusing communion. . .**

In a recent news story, it was reported that a baptized Catholic politician was refused Holy Communion in a parish in South Carolina because of his stand on abortion rights. The pastor of the parish, the following day, apparently notified the media that “any public figure who advocates for abortion places himself or herself outside of Church teaching.”

Setting aside the notion that a priest would contact or respond to the media in a matter regarding the practice of an individual member of a congregation—which is, in itself, inappropriate—there is a grave misunderstanding of the Eucharist in this action, which indicates the pain inherent in the sin of clericalism. No one can presume to read the soul of another at the moment of reception of the Blessed Sacrament, and a Catholic—who has not been excommunicated in an official act of the Church—should never be refused the Eucharist on the whim of a priest. It is a disturbing abuse of power. The Eucharist does not belong to the priest; it belongs to the Church, and is given to us by Christ not as a reward for our virtue but as medicine for all the ills of our soul. In refusing the blessing of the Eucharist, this priest has violated his office as minister and servant, and presumed to exercise the office of guard-dog for the Sacraments. It is a grave mistake.

At St. Joseph, the presumption will continue to be that everyone coming to communion—including the presider—is a sinner, whom God has called in love into the presence of Jesus Christ. We will continue to pray for all, and trust in the mercy of God. And while we will hope that those in a state of serious sin will make use of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we will never make the judgment that one needs it in the communion line. No one who comes will be turned away, anymore than anyone was ever turned away by Jesus. After all, he gave his body and blood at the last supper, even to his betrayer.

Yours in Christ,

John, SJ

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**Young Adult Ministry**

**Quarterly Planning meeting**

Tuesday, November 19th - 7:00-8:30pm

Our agenda is to evaluate our past events and plan out events for the upcoming months (recapping September - November events, and planning for December – February). If there is an event you would like to see our Young Adult group do, this is the place to be to make that happen! For more details contact Deacon at 206-965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org or Tom Sutton tcsutton@uw.edu or Sabrina Popoff at spopoff@spu.edu Snacks provided! Newcomers are always welcome. Spread the word!

**Soulful Soups**

Soulful Soups is Back!

Tis’ the season for soup and friends! Join the St. Joseph Young Adult community for family style dinners every other week (late October through February). The November Soulful Soups will take place in the Social Hall at 7 pm on 11/11, and 11/25 (Friendsgiving!). You are welcome to bring a drink, side, or salad to share. We take turns providing the soup, and you can sign up to bring soup at https://tinyurl.com/soulfulsoup. Email Callie Turgeon with any questions (cturgeon10@gmail.com). We’re excited to see you there!

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**Seniors On The Go**

**Wednesday, November 13th** - Seniors ministry planning meeting 11:30 am to 1:00 pm in the Parish Center. Brown bag lunch optional. Bring your ideas and enthusiasm. For details contact Deacon Steve at (206)965-1646. Newcomers welcome!

**Wednesday, November 20th** - Join us for a Cabaret Musical Show from 12:30 – 2:00 pm. Parking will be available on the playground. Presented by Sigrid Endresen, parishioner and former Cabaret Nightclub Singer and D.J. Wilson, graduate of Eastman School of Music, a gifted composer, music director and performer. For more information, contact Deacon Steve at 206-965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org

**Friday, December 6th** - Anointing Mass at 11:30 am, then join us for a delicious luncheon in the Parish Center. All are welcome! Please feel free to park in the parking lot and take the elevator up.
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. For information, contact Jim Hoover at sacredsilence@stjosephparish.org or 206-286-0313.

Praying the Rosary can help us face the often harsh realities of life with hope and grace. We have volunteers ready to help guide those who are just learning.

Eucharistic Ministers Needed

Eucharistic Ministers have a special delight and joy in sharing the Body and Blood of Christ with the “Body Of Christ.” We need additional Eucharistic Ministers for next year. For more information and to become part of this important ministry please contact team captain Mary Sepulveda at eucharisticministers@stjosephparish.org

5PM Saturday - need one
9AM Sunday - need three
11AM Sunday - need one

Thanksgiving Day Mass

Thursday, November 28th, 10:00 am

Please join the community at 10:00 am mass (there will be no early morning mass on Thanksgiving). Please bring two items of food or drink: one from your table to be blessed at the altar during mass, and the second item of food for Francis House, so that others might also be blessed by your generosity. Our collection will be donated to the Georgetown St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank.

Lector Gathering

All lectors are invited to attend our annual Lector Gathering on Wednesday, November 20th at 6 PM in the Arupe Room.

We’ll socialize, share a meal, and discuss our ministry. It’s a great chance to be together and we hope you can make it. Please RSVP to Jessica Smits at lectors@stjosephparish.org

Building a Culture of Life

Join us on Monday, November 11th at 6 pm in the Xavier room as we discuss how we can better engage the Parish in service, prayer, and reflection focused on respect for life. We will be exploring ways in which we can protect life in the womb, seek justice in ensuring pregnant women and men have the resources they need to care for their children and live full lives, and build a culture of life that recognizes the dignity of every human person. Please contact Jojo Reardon at joannelreardon@gmail.com with any questions or join us on November 11th.
Well, it’s been awhile since my last bulletin column addressing and exploring topics related to our communal prayer life and the role music and singing plays in this prayer. My desire to write this week has been prompted by the myriad stories abounding in Catholic publications recently about the final “Farewell Concert” of the St. Louis Jesuits that took place last month. A little bit of context: In the late 70s I was beginning my studies in civil engineering at the University of Detroit, a Jesuit University located in the heart of the city. I was also taking my first formal music classes that began the surprising process of falling in love with music and transitioning away from engineering towards a much more unknown, unsettled (but ultimately immensely rewarding!) vocation. At that time I was playing regularly with the music ensemble for the late Sunday night student masses and this was the very time that the St. Louis Jesuits and their music were taking the world by storm. For years afterwards their scripturally based, simple, melodic tunes became a vital part of the “soundtrack” of the explosion of lay ministry in the catholic church. Eventually they passed the torch to Haugen, Haas, Joncas and many others who came along after them. Still, recent surveys have shown that, for many people, the music of the St. Louis Jesuits took deep root has continued to be a source of joy and sustenance for them in their lives of faith.

I received a first-hand account of the concert from Jesuit friend Fr. John Staudenmaier who was one of my “coaches” as a member of the campus ministry team back then, and who knows them personally, and Saint Joseph parishioner L. Pat Carroll who also knew them from their time here at St. Joseph. I share their reflections here.

Fr. John Staudenmaier: About 2700 women and men settled into St. Louis’ Powell Hall yesterday afternoon with the subtle play and excitement of a long-anticipated event, The Goodbye Concert of The St. Louis Jesuits. 5 immensely creative composers and performers of 50 years of sacred music have awakened and restored joy and hope, over and over. The sheer elegant wonder of fresh music that has touched the collective inner life of several generations of people hungry for compositions emerged from the disciplined listening of these five artists to scriptural language and to the hopes and wounds of women and men, just waiting. It seemed in Powell Hall yesterday, to pick up each song and carry it live even as each song carried the packed orchestra hall. I found myself wishing that everyone I know could have been with us.

L. Patrick Carroll: They are called the St. Louis Jesuits, but they belong to the whole Church. Their songs, sung in Christian Churches of all denominations throughout the English speaking world, for, now, fifty years. Sept 29th almost 3000 people gathered for their final concert, celebrating music-making that helped transform our worship after Vatican II.

With their brilliant, tuneful, singable compositions we were able to prayerfully use the English language, with new biblical translations and adaptations to truly “Pray twice.” Others have built upon their legacy but our debt to them for songs like “City of God,” “Earthen Vessels,” “Take Lord, Receive,” “Jesus the Lord,” “One Bread, One Body,” “Be Not Afraid,” “Here I am, Lord” and so many others, is beyond enormous.

The St. Louis Jesuits also have close ties to St. Joseph parish. One of their original group, Tim Manion, settled in the area when he left the Jesuits and in the early 80’s he led our folk group at our 9:30 Mass. The other four came to study music composition at Seattle University in 1982-3, and their premier musician, John Foley, stayed another year, living in the rectory; many parishioners in those years knew them well as their music permeated our building every week. Some ten years ago a benefit concert of theirs filled our church to overflowing.

I’ll close with this poem by the Bengali Poet and musician Rabindranath Tagore, which Fr. John Staudenmaier shared with me some 40 years ago…

When Thou commandest me to sing it seems that my heart would break with pride and I look to Thy face and tears come to my eyes.

All that is harsh and dissonant in my life melts into one sweet harmony and my adoration spreads wings like a glad bird on its flight across the sea.

I know Thou takest pleasure in my singing. I know that only as a singer I come before Thy presence I touch by the edge of the far spreading wing of my song thy feet which I could never aspire to reach.

Drunk with the joy of singing I forget myself and call Thee friend who art my lord.
Many, many thanks to all who have made gifts and pledges to our annual stewardship appeal. To date, we have received 156 pledges which is 7% of our families, totaling $459,434 toward our goal of $1,700,000. We are endlessly grateful for your commitment to St. Joseph Parish! If you haven’t yet affirmed your active membership in our parish, please do so, and prayerfully consider what, if any, gift you are able to give to support our work.

Altar Servers NEEDED!

What Would I Do?

- Light the candles and carry them in the procession each Sunday
- Experienced servers get to lead the procession with the cross!
- Help receive the bread and wine
- Prepare the altar for Eucharist
- Be one of the first people to receive communion every week!
- Assist Fr. John, Fr. Glen and Deacon Steve with baptisms (no...you don’t get to baptize anyone)
- Help serve at wedding and funeral Masses
- You never have to be late for Mass again!
- You will always have the best seat in the house!

Frequently Asked Questions:

- Yes! You can choose the Mass time that works best for you family!
- Yes! Altar Serving is open to all parish youth, 5th grade and above, regardless of where you attend school!
- Yes! 7th and 8th graders can receive service hour credit for serving Mass!

Attend the Training

November 17th
11am-1:30pm

Training will include attending the 11am Mass and meeting afterwards with Fr. Glen Butterworth SJ and Claire Hansen

To sign up, contact ClaireH@stjosephparish.org
Online Bible Study

Did you know that St. Joseph 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/
Thanksgiving Meal

Annual Thanksgiving Meal & Open Mic Night at the Recovery Cafe, sponsored by St. Joseph on **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 10:00 am - 8:00 pm**. Are you and your family looking for a way to make Thanksgiving really memorable for those in need? On Saturday, November 23, we will prepare and serve a traditional Thanksgiving meal to 125 members of the Recovery Cafe. We need your help! Please consider signing up to provide food and/or volunteer. Food donation and volunteer sign-ups (see below) are on-line at Website: www.perfectpotluck.com. Last name: Brennan. PW: rcthanks

Volunteer Shifts: Food prep/clean-up at BLUE RIBBON COOKING SCHOOL (2501 Fairview Ave E, Seattle, WA 98102), 10:00am-12:00pm and 12:00-2:00pm; Food service/clean-up at RECOVERY CAFE: 4:00-8:00 pm.

Food Donations: there are a variety of dishes to sign up for!

Winter Comfort Items: We are again collecting items for winter comfort care packages to accompany the meal. Please bring the following items to ST. JOSEPH PARISH CENTER by FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15. Wool Socks for men, Wool socks for women, Hand warmers, Toe warmers, Chapstick, Reusable rain ponchos, Winter hats & gloves, and protein bars.

Thank you in advance for your generosity. For more information, please go online or contact Deacon Steve at 206-965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org or Lisa Visin-tainer at (206) 369-4842, lisavis@windermere.com or Gretchen Brennan at (206) 949-5456, gretchenbrennan@comcast.net

One Parish, One Prisoner

Wednesday, November 13th - 7:00 to 8:30pm

St. Joseph Parish is partnering with the Archdiocese of Seattle and the Department of Corrections in a Prison Re-Entry Program called “One Parish, One Prisoner”. We currently are discerning a relationship with one incarcerated man currently serving time at WSRU who is scheduled to be released summer 2020. Key to our decision is having a team of stakeholders in place to manage this relationship and involve the larger parish. If you are interested, please contact Deacon Steve at 206-965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org or join us on the 13th.

Winter Shelter

St. Joseph Parish in partnership with St. Martin de Porres Shelter operates an Overflow Winter Shelter Program for up to 14 men, 5 nights a week (Tues-Sat) in the Old Gym underneath the Church. The Shelter opened on Friday November 1st and closes April 30th.

We are in need of volunteers to help: Serve as an overnight host once a month (two people per night, 18 or older). Our biggest need is Saturday nights. If you would like more information or are interested in volunteering, contact Deacon Steve at 206-965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org

St. Martin de Porres Shelter needs you!

St. Joseph is collecting bath towels and blankets for St. Martin de Porres Shelter, they are desperately in need of them! Often men don’t get a towel at all and some have to go without showers. They need large new or gently-used white or light-colored towels and blankets so they can be bleached. Towels and blankets can be dropped off in the Vestibule kitchen in the church.

Racial Justice Book Group

Please join us for our next meeting on **Tuesday, November 12th at 7pm in the Parish Center** to discuss the book We Were Eight Years in Power by Ta-Nehisi Coates. Our group provides a safe and respectful place to address racism through the lens of the Gospel, and for discerning action steps in response. For a list of the titles we will read each month through May 2020, see the Racial Justice Book Group page under the Faith Justice section on the St Joseph Parish website. Please email racialjustice-bookgroup@stjosepaparish.org with any questions, to RSVP or if the cost of purchasing the book is an obstacle.

Blood Drive

Monday November 11th
Parish Center

Hours: 12:00 pm – 6:00 pm (closed 2:00 pm – 3:00)

To make an appointment, please sign up after Mass!
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We especially need help around this time to ensure an ample blood supply for our community around the holidays.
On November 12th, the Supreme Court will hear oral arguments on the legality of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. With the outcome of the Supreme Court debate uncertain, now more than ever is the time for Congress to pass a legislative solution to provide permanent security for the 800,000 current DACA recipients living in the United States. Earlier this year, the House of Representatives successfully passed the Dream and Promise Act (H.R. 6), which aimed to provide DACA recipients, TPS holders, and DED holders a pathway to citizenship. We now ask you to contact your senators and ask them to follow the example of their colleagues in the House and bring the Dream Act of 2019 (S.874) to the floor for a vote. This bill, which has bipartisan support, will provide much-needed protection and stability for the young, productive, and undocumented members of our society. Join us in calling on the U.S. Senate to bring to the floor for debate and pass a clean Dream Act of 2019. Sample letter below, if you have any questions, contact Deacon Steve at stevew@stjosephparish.org or 206.965.1646.

Dear [YOUR SENATORS],

I am writing to call on you to urge Senator Mitch McConnell to allow a vote on the Senate floor and to pass a clean Dream Act of 2019 (S. 874). This bill, which has bipartisan sponsorship, will provide much-needed security for the young, productive, and undocumented members of our society. Furthermore, it upholds the inherent dignity of these individuals by recognizing the many ways in which DACA recipients have contributed and continue to contribute to the safety, prosperity, and well-being of our country.

On November 12th, the Supreme Court will hear oral arguments on the legality of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, or DACA, program. For years, DACA has protected immigrant youth from deportation and has provided them with work authorization. Earlier this year, the House successfully passed the Dream and Promise Act (H.R. 6), which aims to provide DACA recipients, TPS holders, and DED holders a pathway to citizenship. With the outcome of the Supreme Court debate uncertain, now more than ever is the time for the Senate to follow the example of the House and pass S. 874. Doing so will take the 800,000 DACA recipients currently living in the United States out of legal and political limbo and grant them the permanent safety and security they need and deserve.

As a person of faith and a member of the Jesuit network, I have seen firsthand the way DACA recipients have contributed to their university campuses and parishes. DACA recipients who graduated from Jesuit universities are currently working as EMTs, teachers, attorneys, and more. For many, the United States is the only home they have ever known and to suddenly uproot them would be detrimental to both them and our nation. It is time we stop using them as political pawns and provide a permanent legislative solution for DACA recipients.

The United States was founded on a set of principles and ideals, one of which is civil discourse—the rational and respectful sharing of ideas as a way to influence change. In thus far refusing to bring the Dream Act of 2019 to the floor, Senator McConnell denies the American public the ability to engage in healthy debate, a fundamental aspect of the democratic process. DACA recipients have given much, and continue to want to give even more, to the country they have called home for nearly all their lives. They deserve to have legislation determining their status here debated in the halls of government.

DACA recipients are educated in U.S. schools, speak English, and pay taxes. They are American in all but legal status. In refusing to bring to the floor and pass S.847, we turn our backs on our own people. For these reasons, I urge you to call on Sen. Mitch McConnell to allow for a vote on the Senate floor for a clean Dream Act (S. 874).

Thank you!