FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
FEBRUARY 22, 2015

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

Readings for February 28, 2015
First reading: Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13
Second reading: Romans 8:31b-34
Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

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

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A Confession In Blood
At once the Spirit drove him out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him.

-Mark 1:12-13-

Today I read about the execution of those twenty-one or twenty-two Coptic Christians. Their only words were: “Jesus, help me!”. They were killed simply for the fact that they were Christians. . . The blood of our Christian brothers and sisters is a testimony which cries out to be heard. It makes no difference whether they be Catholics, Orthodox, Copts or Protestants. They are Christians! Their blood is one and the same. Their blood confesses Christ. As we recall these brothers and sisters who died only because they confessed Christ, I ask that we encourage each another to go forward with this ecumenism which is giving us strength, the ecumenism of blood. The martyrs belong to all Christians.

-Pope Francis, 16 February 2015-

I have imagined, at times, how amazing it would have been to have stood on the shores of the Jordan during the baptism of Jesus. There is John the Baptist, the ascetical preacher, speaking of the coming Messiah, as this carpenter’s son from the little backwater town of Nazareth enters, almost unnoticed, from somewhere up the shore. As he enters the river, he seems just another aspirant, there to repent his sins and follow the way of John. But as he rises from the water, a power seems to break forth across the sky, as though tearing it apart, as the Spirit of God descends upon him. And a voice, coming from the sky, declares, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.” What an amazing moment it must have been: a perfect moment for Jesus to declare that he was the Christ and to begin the work of proclamation and healing that would draw the entire Jewish community—and perhaps the whole world—to his side.

Of course, that is not what happened. Instead, as Mark puts it, “At once, the Spirit drove him out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan.” At the very moment when he seemed to be coming into his proper place, God removes Jesus from the people he had come to serve, and he is driven (not guided or led, as one finds in the other gospels), but driven into the desert to face temptation and isolation. Why? Why waste this moment of grace? Why, when Jesus—who is already 30 years old—seems ready to assume his role as Messiah for the people, is he driven away by the Spirit, sent into the desert, into a place of obscurity and temptation?

But isn’t that often the way it is with God? At the moment we believe ourselves ready to become the great woman or the great man we think that we are called to be, we are moved out into the desert to face our demons—to confront the very temptations we had hoped to avoid. And in the desert we are left to struggle with them all: our doubts, our fears, our sense of inadequacy, our sense that our gifts are unseen by others or insufficient to what is being
asked. Each of us has her own temptations; each of us is surrounded by his own wild beasts. Yet, each of us, as well, is offered the ministry of angels—given us through the hands of those who love us, through the whispered encouragement of our hearts, and through the example of Christ Jesus, who was tempted as we are and who conquered his adversary (i.e., in Hebrew, his “satan”) through his love for his Father, and his unfailing love for us.

Though to the world it might seem absurd to be driven into the desert just as he was declared God’s Son, it was, instead, a grace, given to Christ for the blessing of us all. The Spirit of God drives Jesus into the desert not to punish him, but to test him; to allow him to find that which was essential within him—to find his deepest desire. And this desire was not food. It was not companionship nor affirmation. It was not power nor control. It was not safety nor security. It was not the force that tore the heavens apart, nor the voice that proclaimed him to the world as “beloved Son.” No. It was none of these.

In the end, the deepest desire of Jesus was each one of us—was you, was me. The deepest desire of Jesus was to love the People of God, and to bear God’s love to them in word and deed, in spirit and truth, in body and blood. Thus, when all the gifts and graces were taken from him—when he was thirsty, but without drink; when he was abandoned by those to whom he had given so much; when he was powerless and under the control of others; when he hung in anguish before the power of death; when even the voice of God was silent in the sky—he responded with love and compassion, responded from that deepest desire of his heart, to which he had given himself completely. On the cross, Jesus bore witness with his blood to the passion and grace he had found in the desert, to a love so deep that no adversary could overthrow it and no affirmation or pleasure make it more rich. He bore witness to a love whose object is us.

This last week, 21 young Coptic Christians were beheaded by ISIS simply because of their identity as Christians. The only words we know that they spoke, in the moments before their death, were, “Jesus, help me.” And then they were killed, bearing witness to a love that had taken root in their hearts: a passionate desire for Jesus Christ, the One whose passion had given them hope, and faith, and life itself. Their death made no sense, in the eyes of the world; and yet, for them, it was their final journey to the desert, where Christ was waiting—the first witness and the One whose love would bring them home.

Few of us will become martyrs—i.e., witnesses—in the manner of these young men. Yet, all of us face the desert and the adversary who would keep us consumed by the pursuit of lesser things: of wealth or power, of fame or prestige, of the perfect body or the perfect child. Let us listen, instead, to our deepest desire, which whispers in our hearts and shouts in the blood of the martyrs: the desire for a love that blesses the world, a love that heals even the hearts of our enemies, a love made flesh in the person of Christ Jesus.

WELCOME!

Are you a Catholic attending Mass regularly at St. Joseph Parish, yet haven’t officially registered? Join us! Visit our website at www.stjosephparish.org and click on the “Join Our Parish” link to complete and submit your registration form. Should you have any question whatsoever, please don’t hesitate to contact Tina at stewardship@stjosephparish.org, or 206.965.1654.

Are you interested in finding out more about St. Joseph Parish and the Catholic Church? Whether you are baptized in another denomination, have never been baptized and are exploring Christianity for the first time, or are a former Catholic pondering a return to the Church, we are happy to talk with you, answer questions, and explore the many possibilities. Find out more—with no strings attached—by calling Fr. Glen at 206-965-1643, or email gbutterworth@stjosephparish.org.
Order of Celebration
First Sunday of Lent

Prelude

Lenten Introit

The Introductory Rites

All stand and sing.

Entrance Song

Grant To Us, O Lord

Lucien Deiss

Chord symbols:

Grant to us, O Lord, a heart renewed;
Re-create in us your own Spirit, Lord!

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

Cantor:

Kyrie eleison.

All:

Kyrie eleison.

Cantor:

Christe eleison.

All:

Christe eleison.

Cantor:

Kyrie eleison.

All:

Kyrie eleison.

Please be seated.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Genesis 9:8-15

God said to Noah and to his sons with him: “See, I am now establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you: all the birds, and the various tame and wild animals that were with you and came out of the ark. I will establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all bodily creatures be destroyed by the waters of a flood; there shall not be another flood to devastate the earth.” God added: “This is the sign that I am giving for all ages to come, of the covenant between me and you and every living creature with you: I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth, and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the covenant I have made between me and you and all living beings, so that the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all mortal beings.”
Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 25

Cantor sings first then assembly repeats.

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul, to you, I lift my soul.

Second Reading
1 Peter 3:18-22

Beloved:
Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit. In it he also went to preach to the spirits in prison, who had once been disobedient while God patiently waited in the days of Noah during the building of the ark, in which a few persons, eight in all, were saved through water. This prefigured baptism, which saves you now. It is not a removal of dirt from the body but an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers subject to him.

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

Gospel Acclamation
Vermulst

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel
Mark 1:12-15

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: “This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.”
The Nicene Creed

*Please stand.*

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us (men) and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

At the words that follow, up to and including ‘and became man’, all bow.

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the Faithful

*Assembly Response: Lord hear our prayer.*

*Please be seated.*

**LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**
Offertory Song

A Lenten Prayer

White

Restore in us, O God
the splendor of your love;
renew your image in our hearts,
and all our sins remove.

O Spirit, wake in us
the wonder of your power;
from fruitless fear unfurl our lives
like springtime bud and flower.

Bring us, O Christ, to share
the fullness of your joy;
baptize us in the risen life
that death cannot destroy.

Three-personed God, fulfill
the promise of your grace,
that we, when our searching ends,
may see you face to face.

Please stand.

Prayer over the Offerings

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.

Priest: Holy, Holy, Holy

Assembly: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Assembly: Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Assembly: Hosanna in the highest.

Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy

Chant
Mystery of Faith

Great Amen

Chant

The Lord’s Prayer

During the Lord’s prayer, the assembly either holds hands or lifts their hands up.

Sign of Peace

Assembly greets one another: Peace be with you.

Lamb of God

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.

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 you receive Communion, you may kneel or sit if desired until the ciborium is returned to the tabernacle.

Communion Meditation

Kyrie Eleison

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, kyrie eleison. (Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy)

THE CONCLUDING RITES

Assembly: Thanks be to God.

Recessional

Tolling of the bell
This Week At St. Joseph

Sunday
9:00 AM  Mass
9:00 AM  Childcare during Mass
10:00 AM  Coffee & Donuts - Join us!
11:00 AM  Mass
5:30 PM  Mass

Monday
7:00 AM  Daily Mass
7:00 AM  Yoga - Body in prayer
7:00 PM  Sacred Silence Prayer
7:00 PM  Rosary Prayer Group

Tuesday
7:00 AM  Daily Mass
7:00 PM  RCIA

Wednesday
7:00 AM  Daily Mass
6:00 PM  Pathfinders Youth Group
7:00 PM  The VOICE Youth Group

Thursday
7:00 AM  Daily Mass

Friday
7:00 AM  Daily Mass
7:00 AM  Men’s Prayer Group
11:00 AM  Stations of the Cross

Saturday
8:00 AM  Centering Prayer Group
8:30 AM  Men’s Lenten Gathering
3:30 PM  Weekly Reconciliation
5:00 PM  Vigil Mass

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.

We Are St. Joseph Events
Save The Dates!

Ceili - March 14th
Catholic Advocacy Day - March 26th
We Are St. Joseph Service Days & Dinner April 24 & 25
Sounders Game - August 30th

St. Joseph School

School Play
The 7th and 8th grade Exploratory Drama troop cordially invites you to witness our rendition of Through the Looking Glass on Thursday, March 12th & Friday, March 13th at 7 pm in the St. Joseph Auditorium. We promise that the acting, singing, dancing, sets and music will not disappoint...so please come and bring the whole family! Tickets can be purchased at the door: $5 for adults and $3 for children under 12. Cash and checks only, please.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Endowment Golf Tournament Needs Volunteers!
The St. Joseph School 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.


**Welcome The Newly Baptized**

Una Roslyn Kew  
Jaiden Alexie Krogstad  
Delilah Rose Poquiz Mayor  
Ruby Juniper Richardson  
Maeve Kathleen Taylor

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**Lenten Reflection Day**

“Living the Beatitudes”  
Sat, March 7, 2015, 9:30-3pm

Presented by Sisters & Associates of St. Joseph of Peace

St. Mary Chapel, St. Mary-on-the-Lake, 1663 Killarney Way, Bellevue, WA 98004  
Free Will Offering – Lunch Available for $10  
We encourage you to carpool.  
Register by February 27 to Diane Figaro  
at 425-635-3603 or e-mail peace@csjp-olp.org

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**Stations Of The Cross**

Join us Fridays during Lent at 11:00 am in the Church.

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**What You Give Up for Lent Changes Lives**

Each year during Lent, our parishioners rely on the CRS Rice Bowl program as an inspiration for prayer, fasting, and giving, helping us to focus our resolve to follow Jesus’ call to live in solidarity with the poorest and most vulnerable.

You may wish to look at this program as a family—or in community—and invite each member to consider what he or she will give up for Lent. For instance, perhaps consider giving up your daily latte and placing $4 in the Rice Bowl each day? Write each goal on the side of the Rice Bowl and place the Rice Bowl in a visible location in your home.

For a deeper exploration, you may wish to review the Lenten calendar for 2-minute reflections, stories of hope, and recipes for simple Friday meatless meals. For additional stories, family activities, and videos, visit crsricebowl.org. You may even want to download the CRS App, available on Google Play or AppStore!

Our journey with CRS Rice Bowl begins in Tanzania, where a simple soybean is changing lives! What actions can you take this Lent to change lives—at home and around the world?

Know that 25% of contributions remain in this archdiocese for grants to organizations such as St. Martin de Porres, Sacred Heart Shelter, the Food Bank at St. Mary’s, and hundreds of other organizations. 75% of contributions help fund development projects around the world to produce more food, increase income, and address poverty.

As a community, let’s once again consider these simple, yet powerful, ways to bring Lenten spirituality to life each day.

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**Usher Support**

Sunday 5:30 pm Contemplative Mass is in need of 3-4 more ushers to join the team due to natural attrition of current members. If interested and for more info. about this support ministry, please contact Brian Cruess at brian.cruess@gmail.com
**Parish Life**

**Women’s Ministry**

**Spiritual Reading**

The Spiritual Reading section of books for Women’s Ministry is all set up and ready for use in the Jogues Room on the second floor of the Parish Center. You may have access to this room to select and check-out books during normal office hours. Please check with the receptionist to make sure the room is not in use.

If you would like some advice on a selection and introduction to the process for borrowing, Sue Grady would be glad to help you. Contact her via 503-329-5919 (cell phone) or sue.e.grady@gmail.com

**Book Group**

Our reading schedule is set and we’re ready to go! Our inaugural meeting will be on Wednesday, March 11, at 7 pm to discuss *The Inner Compass: An Invitation to Ignatian Spirituality* by Margaret Silf.

Lauded as a practical and down-to-earth guide to the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, this selection will serve not only as a fitting kick-off to our group but as a deeper way of grounding our faith practices during the Lenten season. For more information, contact Shelagh Lane at lane.shelagh@gmail.com

**Coffee Connect**

Please join our St. Joseph Women’s Ministry Group Coffee Connect to sip and socialize Saturday, February 28th at Tulley’s on 19th & Aloha, 10am -11am. Call Sheila Marie at 206.251.7035 if you have any questions.

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**Men's Ministry**

**Lenten Morning of Prayer, Reflection & Fellowship**

Saturday February 28th

8:30 am - 11:00 am

"A Life for Others, A Life for Service"

Animators: Dick Ellis, Andy Perez & Barney Cassidy
For details contact Deacon Steve at stevew@stjosephparish.org or 965-1646.

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**MOM’s Ministry**

**St. Joseph MOMS Group Speaker series**

Wednesdays March 18th & 25th, 9-11am

Please join us for this 2-part "Lenten Reflection" series featuring guest speaker Kathleen Pape. If you are interested in discussion and reflection with a diverse group of parish women, in a casual and supportive environment, this is the group for you! Check in begins at 9am in the Parish Center, discussion starts at 9:30.

Childcare available with advanced notice. $20 per person, $25 with childcare.

For more information please contact Ashley Samson at ash_stein@hotmail.com or Mary Beth Hribar Deitz at marybeth_hribar@yahoo.com

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**Seniors On The Go**

**Thursday, February 26th** - POMPEII EXHIBIT at Pacific Science Center on Thursday February 26th. We’ll carpool from Parish Center at 12:45 pm. Exhibit tour 1:30 pm-3:30 pm, the cost is $15.00 per person. Must prepay and register by Tuesday, February 17th. Call Renee at the Parish Center 324-2522 or email Deacon Steve at stevew@stjosephparish.org

**Friday, March 13th** - Healing Mass at 11:30 am followed by a Lenten lunch in the Parish Center. Join us early at 11:00 am for Stations of the Cross! *(Please note date change.)*

**Tuesday, March 17th** - Seniors Potluck Dinner, 6:00 pm in the Social Hall.
Faith Formation

Pope Francis 5 Tips For Lent

1. Get rid of the lazy addiction to evil - “[Lent] is a ‘powerful’ season, a turning point that can foster change and conversion in each of us. We all need to improve, to change for the better. Lent helps us and thus we leave behind old habits and the lazy addiction to the evil that deceives and ensnares us.” – General Audience, March 5, 2014

2. Do something that hurts - “Lent is a fitting time for self-denial; we would do well to ask ourselves what we can give up in order to help and enrich others by our own poverty. Let us not forget that real poverty hurts: no self-denial is real without this dimension of penance. I distrust a charity that costs nothing and does not hurt.” – Lenten Message, 2014

3. Don’t remain indifferent - “Indifference to our neighbor and to God also represents a real temptation for us Christians. Each year during Lent we need to hear once more the voice of the prophets who cry out and trouble our conscience. God is not indifferent to our world; he so loves it that he gave his Son for our salvation.” – Lenten Message, 2015

4. Pray: Make our hearts like yours! - “During this Lent, then, brothers and sisters, let us all ask the Lord: ‘Fac cor nostrum secundum cor tuum’: Make our hearts like yours (Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus). In this way we will receive a heart which is firm and merciful, attentive and generous, a heart which is not closed, indifferent or prey to the globalization of indifference.” – Lenten Message, 2015

5. Take part in the sacraments - “Lent is a favorable time for letting Christ serve us so that we in turn may become more like him. This happens whenever we hear the word of God and receive the sacraments, especially the Eucharist. There we become what we receive: the Body of Christ.” – Lenten Message, 2015

questions our security, and if it also leads to some benefit for others, if it helps us to cultivate the style of the Good Samaritan, who bends down to his brother in need and takes care of him.” – Homily, March 5, 2014

Adult Volunteers Needed!

Our middle school youth group, Pathfinders, is looking for adult volunteers to help on Wednesday evenings. The youth group serves 6th, 7th and 8th graders in our parish and parish school and the motto for the group is: “Making our way through friendship, faith, and service.” Adults help organize evening activities as well as chaperone on field trips and service projects. Background check and Safe Environment training is offered and is required for volunteering. Please contact Erin Tobin at cff@stjosephparish.org if you are interested in helping.

Grand Catholic Italy Tour

Join Fr. Glen Butterworth, S.J., on this spiritual, cultural and historical exploration of Italy including an audience with Pope Francis (if available), and private masses at several important Italian basilicas.

Travel Dates: 12 -23 October, 2015

Tour Overview - Explore Italy with a focus on the Holy Places important in Catholic history. Begin in Rome with guided sightseeing of the city, ancient Roman sites, visits to the four patriarchal basilicas, the Vatican museums and an audience with Pope Francis (if available). Spend a special day with Fr. Glen visiting some of his favorite cultural, spiritual and historical sites and then celebrate private Mass with him in the Church of the Gesù, the Jesuit “mother” church. Travel north to Cascia to explore the life of St. Rita and on to beautiful Assisi, home of St. Francis and St. Clare, visit sites important in the lives of these two saints. Continue into Tuscany to Siena to visit the basilica and sanctuary of St. Dominic and spend time in the beautiful Piazza del Campo. Travel to Florence, the “Cradle of the Renaissance.” Take a walking tour of the historical center with a local guide and visit Signoria Square, the basilicas and more. Travel to the monastery at Pavia and then onto Italy’s commercial and fashion capital, Milan, for a walking tour of this fascinating city. In Padua visit the Basilica of Saint Anthony and then onto Venice for a tour of St. Mark’s Square and Basilica, the Doges Palace and Venetian glassblowing.

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12:30 pm @ Chapel of St. Ignatius, Seattle University

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Witnesses on the Way

Lenten Retreat

St. Joseph’s MOMS Group

Noon, Saturday, March 28th to
Noon, Sunday March 29th

At IslandWood

Disengage to engage. Disconnect to connect. Retreat to advance. Join the MOMS Lenten retreat for a weekend of renewal and reflection. Our facilitator, Kathleen Kichline, will help us prepare for Holy Week through the eyes of those who were there-- the Witnesses on the Way. Through scripture, reflection, music, and prayer we will creatively recreate the Stations of the Cross and the stories leading up to them.

Kathleen Kichline is the author of *Sisters in Scripture*, a popular retreat leader, and adjunct faculty Seattle U.

IslandWood is an outdoor learning and retreat center, on the beautiful Bainbridge Island, that invites people to discover a new way of seeing nature, themselves, and one another. IslandWood features Northwest style lodges that offer comfort in a rustic setting.

**COST:** $215 includes food, lodging, materials, and facilitator.

To register or for more info, contact: Jeanine Benham-Jones at jeanine@cwjones.net or 206-799-5177
Help Build a Home in New Orleans

Information Night – Wednesday March 18\textsuperscript{th} – 7PM
St. Joseph Social Hall

Has it really been 10 years since Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast? The answer is yes. There are still thousands of families trying to get home in New Orleans. Would you like to help move another family home? YOU CAN BE A PART OF THE SOLUTION! We are gathering adult volunteers to spend a week in New Orleans building homes, eating great food, and walking on a journey with the people of NOLA. We will travel to New Orleans August 23\textsuperscript{rd} – August 30\textsuperscript{th} to commemorate the 10th anniversary of this disaster.

Join us for an informational meeting at St. Joseph’s Social Hall on Wednesday, March 18th at 7pm as we discuss our upcoming trip.

For more information, visit www.ShirtsAcrossAmerica.org.
St. Martin de Porres Shelter
1561 Alaskan Way South, Seattle, WA  98134

Parking is limited so we recommend two options to reach us:

1 - Begin your visit by riding on St. Martin's bus! Transportation will be provided by the Shelter. We will pick up guests on March 15th at 12:15pm at St. Joseph Parish, Seattle.

2 - Carpool, please! Call 206-323-6341 or e-mail stmartindeporresshelter@ccsww.org for directions.

RSVP by Thursday, March 12, 2015, to Deacon Steve at stegovw@stjosephparish.org or (206) 965-1646.

OPEN HOUSE
Sunday, March 15, 2015
12:30-2:30pm

• Enjoy light refreshments
• Tour the Shelter
• Learn about your parish’s longtime support of St. Martin’s
• Meet staff and Shelter residents
• Hear from a St. Martin’s resident speaker
• Learn about St. Martin’s 30-year history and plans for our future
• Discover new volunteer opportunities
• Get your questions answered
Catholic Advocacy Day

Join hundreds of other Catholic advocates from across the state for Catholic Advocacy Day (CAD), Thursday, March 26, 2015, in Olympia, Washington. To register go to: www.ipjc.org or call (206) 223.1138. Your early registration helps ensure you get a meeting with your legislators and a spot on one of the CAD buses.

The day will include:

• Briefings on legislative issues and stories of how your advocacy makes a difference
• Mass
• Appointments with legislators

Catholic Advocacy Day is sponsored by the Washington State Catholic Conference, Archdiocese of Seattle, Catholic Community Services, Catholic Housing Services, Intercommunity Peace & Justice Center, Pierce County Deanery, and St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Volunteer Chore Svcs Needs You

Volunteer Chore Services is committed to helping elders and adults with disabilities remain independent in their own homes through a network of caring community members. All services are provided at no charge and serve as a safety net for those individuals who cannot afford to pay for assistance and do not qualify for paid chore assistance.

Why Should I Volunteer? Helping another person brings a wonderful feeling of joy and satisfaction. Through Volunteer Chore Services, your assistance means that an elder or adult with a disability can remain in his/her home. Volunteers provide a variety of in-home services that these individuals are no longer able to do for themselves. The hours are flexible and the work is simple. Every hour you volunteer will make a positive difference in someone’s life. There are also one-time opportunities for on-call requests and group projects.

How do I start?? Volunteeer Chore Services is a program of Catholic Community Services. If you are interested in this wonderful opportunity to serve your community. Please find Volunteer Coordinator Katrina Hale after mass the weekend of March 7th/8th. There is currently a shortage of volunteers and a very high need for the services provided by volunteers in the community. You can also contact Katrina via email at katrinah@ccsww.org or by phone at 206.328.6858.

WestSide Baby’s Benefit Tea

Join Father John & Deacon Steve in supporting one of our outreach partners!

Sunday March 1, 2-4:30 pm
Tickets: $40 ea, $300 table of 10, $600 VIP table
Hilton Seattle Airport & Conference Center
Email Deacon Steve to sit at the parish table, stevew@stjosephparish.org
www.westsidebaby.org to purchase tickets.

Immigration 101 for Social Service Providers

Presented by: Northwest Immigrant Rights Project

This training is designed especially for individuals who work with and serve the immigrant community and who want to learn more about the immigration system, immigration enforcement, and how immigration issues affect the community!

Topics to be addressed include:

• An overview of our immigration system and immigration status.
• How does the President’s new actions on immigration affect the community?
• What barriers prevent immigrants from accessing services?
• What happens when people are detained by immigration authorities?
• What protections are available to immigrant victims of crime and survivors of domestic violence?
• What resources are available in the community to help?

A registration fee ($25) is required for this training, but scholarships are available (see below). We hope to see you there!

Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2015
Time: 1:00 - 5:00p
Location: New Holly Gathering Hall
7054 32nd Ave South, Seattle, WA 98118
Ceili 2015
Save the date!
Saturday, March 14th

Good food and good fellowship!