“The place was called Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled there and tested the LORD, saying, ‘Is the LORD in our midst or not?’”
One Sunday

There are days in our lives, when events that seem wholly unrelated gradually reveal an underlying unity that can only be the work of God.

Early last Sunday morning, as I was preparing for Mass at St. Joseph, I received a note that Fr. Bill Bichsel, S.J.—Bix—had died in Tacoma, surrounded by his friends and those whose life he had influenced and blessed for much of his 86 years. He died, still passionately committed to peace and disarmament, still deeply convinced that the power of Christ in each of us could undo the violence of war that impoverishes the vulnerable and enthrones disorder and sin. “I believe strongly in my heart in the power of God and powers of creation and the resurrection. They are much stronger than the powers of death,” he had said, and he lived that belief. I had not spent much time with Bix—beyond getting thrown out of a George H.W. Bush rally with him at Seattle University when I was a scholastic, and marching with him as Provincial to the gates of the submarine base at Bangor, where I gave him permission to be arrested—yet, I knew that he had given his heart to the poor Christ, alive in all the men and women he knew at the Catholic Worker, and alive in every woman or man, peacenik or police officer he had ever encountered. Bix loved them, loved Christ in them, and walked with them joyfully and passionately until the very moment of his death.

Just two hours later, I stood beside the sanctuary at St. Joseph, as nine adults proclaimed their desire to enter the Catholic Church fully, and be confirmed in that faith among the members of our community. I was profoundly moved, as Matt Hipps described his sense of feeling “an outsider” at St. Joseph, even while raising his children in this community; of his gradual awakening, exacerbated by illness and deepened by the sense of a community at prayer for him; and of his ultimate and deep confession that God was bringing him to this faith through his pain and struggle, through his children and wife, through the not-so-short course of faith formation among a cadre of fellow pilgrims. Then, when Eleanor Johnson followed Matt, and spoke of the easy agnosticism that was born from her intellectual life—an agnosticism which had given way only when she came into a community of faith—I heard my own voice, crying, “Yes!” and knowing how true it was, for me as well. It is, in the end, not the precepts of the faith, but its people which draw me here, which lead me to Christ. After these testimonials, laying hands on each of the Confirmandi, and feeling in them the pulse of family and friends, the movement of the Spirit, who even then had grip of their hearts, I realized my own need for each of them to be here, to be part of this, to be part of us. I cannot imagine believing apart from this human sacrament, this mystery of the People of God, in which our faith becomes real.

I left St. Joseph that morning blessed by the spirit that seemed to emanate from our new members, as well as their friends and families. But, it was time to push on to the next event: a fundraising tea for Westside Baby and St. Joseph Baby Corner. Since the summer, when these two organizations merged and became, together, one
of our partner ministries, I have been wanting to participate in one of their events; and by all accounts, Sunday’s was big, consisting of over 600 supporters from all around the area. I knew it was important to be present, though I little imagined what it would stir in me.

With all the usual aspects of fundraisers—e.g., tickets for drawings and drinks, an auctioneer and, of course, bidding cards—I expected nothing surprising from the Westside Baby and St. Joseph Baby Corner event, and, apart from the fact that it really was a tea (and I had to sweet-talk a waiter for coffee), there was little that surprised me. Until, that is, the Director rose and began to speak of the accomplishments of the last year. She told of the hundreds of children, lifted from incredible situations, thanks to the work of this group; of the more than 200 cribs provided (though more than 300 requests remained unmet), of the food and the housing, the countless diapers and the varied forms of help for parents. As I sat there, listening, I was impressed by the dedication and the care of these women and men; but I was also dismayed that, in one of the richest nations on earth, children still may not have diapers, or beds where they can safely be laid down to sleep. And this occurs not because parents are negligent, but simply because they are poor. It is wonderful that we raise money for diapers, and it shameful that we need to; wonderful that more that 200 cribs were given away, shameful that 300 infants remain sleeping in drawers or beds with older siblings. Wonderful, most of all, that so many in that room—and beyond that room—hear statistics on poverty and see not numbers, but real women and children, real fathers and mothers. For beyond the theories of poverty and personal responsibility, beyond the economic models of capital and labor, beyond all the political cliches of laziness and moral weakness, live our sisters and brothers, our children and babies, who suffer and die because we lack the vision which comes only with compassion.

Later that night, sitting in my room, I came to realize that all the strands of my Sunday were part of a single tapestry, a single simple yet profound truth that Jesus himself had spent his life to help us see: i.e., we cannot share in the passion of Christ unless we first have a share of his compassion. We cannot know him and love him and follow him until we see him: in every mother trying to feed her child, in every refugee or veteran left broken by our wars, in every fellow pilgrim seeking to find the path of faith in our company. Only when it wounds us to see a homeless mother, do we have a share in the wounds of Jesus; only when we listen with love to each others’ words does the Word of God become flesh in the world. The gift given by the Incarnation, and the love present in the Crucifixion, and the grace manifest in the Resurrection, all rely on us being blessed enough to see and to feel with every woman and man who shares our life; i.e., with each homeless, broken, forgotten pilgrim, who was and is Christ Jesus, en-fleshed in our midst today. Bix knew that blessing most of his life, those who were just confirmed know it in making their choice to come into the Church, and those who work at Westside Baby and St. Joseph Baby Corner know and live it each day. During this Lenten season, may we all come to that knowledge, and so come to live the Resurrection of Christ—and our own resurrection—in the raising up of all who come our way.

Stations Of The Cross

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

The devotion known as the Way of the Cross (or, sometimes, Stations of the Cross) began in Jerusalem, during the late 3rd or early 4th century, AD. As the Church became officially recognized, devotion to the places of Christ’s suffering and death led many on pilgrimage to Jerusalem—including Helena, mother of the Emperor Constantine. In Jerusalem, the sites were used for instruction and inspiration, and the pilgrims who visited brought what they found back to their own countries, influencing worship and theology throughout Europe.

Because a pilgrimage to Jerusalem was, for most people, impossible, in the 5th century, St. Petronius, Bishop of Bologna, had chapels designed at the monastery of Santo Stefano to recall the most important shrines of Jerusalem. At this monastery, the faithful could recall the suffering and death of Jesus and imagine themselves in the Holy Land. This is the earliest expression of stations in Europe.

Following the Crusades, pilgrimage to Jerusalem again became popular, and from the 12th century it appears that a journey along the Via Sacra (the Holy Road) was common for pilgrims, though stations as we know them were not yet established. The Franciscan monks, given care for the holy places in 1342, established the Via Dolorosa (Way of Sorrow), and then brought the devotion to Europe in the 15th and 16th centuries.

In 1686, Pope Innocent XI gave the Franciscans the right to establish stations within their churches, a right later given to all churches. Over the years, the 14 stations, now considered traditional, were created as a type of miniature pilgrimage that all could take, especially in Lent.
ORDER OF CELEBRATION
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

All stand and sing.

Entrance Song

Grant To Us, O Lord
Lucien Deiss

Grant to us, O Lord, a heart renewed;
Recreate 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: Kyri-eleison. All: Kyri-eleison.
Cantor: Chris-teleison. All: Chris-teleison.
Cantor: Kyri-eleison. All: Kyri-eleison.

Please be seated.

LITURGY OF THE WORD
**First Reading**

In those days, in their thirst for water, the people grumbled against Moses, saying, "Why did you ever make us leave Egypt? Was it just to have us die here of thirst with our children and our livestock?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? a little more and they will stone me!" The LORD answered Moses, "Go over there in front of the people, along with some of the elders of Israel, holding in your hand, as you go, the staff with which you struck the river. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock in Horeb. Strike the rock, and the water will flow from it for the people to drink." This Moses did, in the presence of the elders of Israel. The place was called Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled there and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD in our midst or not?"

**Responsorial Psalm**

Psalm 95

*Cantor sings first then assembly repeats.*

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

**Second Reading**

Brothers and sisters: Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in hope of the glory of God.

And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. For Christ, while we were still helpless, died at the appointed time for the ungodly. Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

*Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.*

**Gospel Acclamation**

*Vermulst*
Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob’s well was there. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down there at the well. It was about noon.

A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, “How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?” —For Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans.— Jesus answered and said to her, “If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.” The woman said to him, “Sir, you do not even have a bucket and the cistern is deep; where then can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us this cistern and drank from it himself with his children and his flocks?” Jesus answered and said to her, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” The woman said to him, “Sir, you do not even have a bucket and the cistern is deep; where then can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us this cistern and drank from it himself with his children and his flocks?” Jesus answered and said to her, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.” Jesus said to her, “Go call your husband and come back.” The woman answered and said to him, “I do not have a husband.” Jesus answered her, “You are right in saying, ‘I do not have a husband.’ For you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true.”

The woman said to him, “Sir, I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain; but you people say that the place to worship is in Jerusalem.” Jesus said to her, “Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You people worship what you do not understand; we worship what we understand, because salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth; and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship him. God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth.” The woman said to him, “I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Christ; when he comes, he will tell us everything.” Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one speaking with you.”

At that moment his disciples returned, and were amazed that he was talking with a woman, but still no one said, “What are you looking for?” or “Why are you talking with her?” The woman left her water jar and went into the town and said to the people, “Come see a man who told me everything I have done. Could he possibly be the Christ?” They went out of the town and came to him. Meanwhile, the disciples urged him, “Rabbi, eat.” But he said to them, “I have food to eat of which you do not know.” So the disciples said to one another, “Could someone have brought him something to eat?” Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work. Do you not say, ‘In four months the harvest will be here?’ I tell you, look up and see the fields ripe for the harvest. The reaper is already receiving payment and gathering crops for eternal life, so that the sower and reaper can rejoice together. For here the saying is verified that ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap what you have not worked for; others have done the work, and you are sharing the fruits of their work.”

Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in him because of the word of the woman who testified, “He told me everything I have done.” When the Samaritans came to him, they invited him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. Many more began to believe in him because of his word, and they said to the woman, “We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the savior of the world.”
The Nicene Creed

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  Psalm 63: Your Love Is Finer Than Life #62  Marty Haugen

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.

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

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

Great Amen
Amen.

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

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 of a gluten free host, please come to the presider & indicate this.
Sign of Peace
Assembly greets one another: Peace be with you.

Lamb of God

Chant

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

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

Communion Song

Jesus Ever Flowing Fountain

Guimont

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

Communion Meditation

Instrumental

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
7:00 PM  Novena of Grace

Tuesday
7:00 AM  Daily Mass
7:00 PM  RCIA
7:00 PM  Novena of Grace

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

Thursday
7:00 AM  Daily Mass
7:00 PM  Novena of Grace

Friday
7:00 AM  Daily Mass
7:00 AM  Men’s Prayer Group
11:00 AM  Stations of the Cross
11:30 AM  Healing Mass

Saturday
8:00 AM  Centering Prayer Group
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

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
The golf tournament committee is working to procure items for the evening auction following the golf tournament. Partner with the Endowment by donating gift certificates, wine, products, getaways, or any items you feel comfortable donating. Simply complete the enclosed donation form and return by email to kconnally@stjosephsea.org or mail to St. Joseph School Endowment.

If you are interested in volunteer opportunities (event logistics, day of event registration, or dinner program/silent auction) please contact kconnally@stjosephsea.org
Liturgy and Worship

Prayer Tree

St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions:
Let us pray for all those who face persecution at the hands of evil... For the homeless men in our overnight shelter... For the Catechumens who are preparing to join us in our Catholic faith – continue to increase their faith, hope and love... For Jane’s recovery from pneumonia... For the healing and well-being of Michael, David and Joe from their recent surgeries... Prayers and good wishes for Allyson’s upcoming interview... Peace and comfort for David and for his family and the same for Aunt Mary.

“Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.”
~ Hebrews 4:16

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

Romero Commemoration

On Tuesday February 3, 2015, Pope Francis officially declared Archbishop Oscar Romero, assassinated by a right-wing death squad in 1980 while celebrating Mass in El Salvador, was a martyr for the faith, clearing the way for his beatification. Please join us for an Ecumenical Prayer Service to commemorate the 35th Anniversary of Romero’s assassination on Tuesday, March 24th, 7:00 pm at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church – 732 18th Ave E., Seattle, Wa. 98112. Jose “Chencho” Alas, who was a priest in El Salvador doing base community work in Suchitoto in the 70's and a friend of Oscar Romero and Rutillio Grande will be our guest speaker. For more information, contact Deacon Steve at 206-965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org

Men’s Ministry Home Mass

Please join us for a home Mass & potluck supper.
Friday March 20th - 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm
At the Home of Rod Bench 1520 38th Ave. E 98112 206-329-5678

Our Presider will be Fr. John Whitney, S.J.

Vegetarian lasagna provided.
Everyone invited to bring a salad, appetizer, bread, dessert and beverage of choice to share.
Please RSVP with what you are bringing.

For information, email or call Deacon Steve at 965-1646 or stevew@stjosephparish.org

Sacred Silence

A time for silent prayer and peace

The Sacred Silence prayer group gathers on Monday nights at 7 pm in the Church for an hour of silent prayer. Newcomers always welcome. Open to all types of prayer practice. People are encouraged to use whatever silent prayer practice works best for them whether it is centering prayer, Ignatian imagination or another prayer. Time is spent both sitting and walking in silence.

For information on Sacred Silence and silent prayer contact Jim Hoover at sacredsilence@stjosephparish.org or 206-286-0313.

Spread the Word
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

Yoga & Prayer

Join us Saturday, March 28th from 9 to 11am in the Gym for a meditative yoga practice, led by Linda Chavez, to prepare our hearts for Holy Week. We will use the writings of some Christian mystics, sacred art, inspiring music and, of course, yoga poses for a multi-dimensional prayer experience. Beginners are welcome but be prepared for somewhat of a physical challenge. Wear comfortable clothing. Bring a mat and a bottle of water. There is a $15 fee for the class. Make checks payable to St. Joseph Church. RSVP to Deacon Steve Wodzanowski stevew@stjosephparish.org to reserve your spot.

Seniors On The Go

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.

Thursday, March 26th - GEORGIA O’KEEFFE EXHIBIT at the Tacoma Art Museum, 10 am to 4 pm. $10.00 Admission fee, BYOB Lunch. Free transportation on Parish Bus. Space limited. To register contact Renee at 324-2522 ext 100.

MOMs 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

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will be meeting on Thursday, March 12th at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center. Come join us! No experience required!
**Rice Bowl**

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.

The next stop on our CRS Rice Bowl journey is the African nation, Niger, where we’re reminded that life’s joys and challenges are often seasonal. This week we pray for people who struggle to feed their families during the hungry season—when food is in short supply—and we commit to acting for the common good.

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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**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.

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**CYO Track Volunteers Needed!**

Looking for volunteers to help coach 4th-8th grade CYO track. Practices begin in April (Mondays and Wednesday from 5:00 to 6:30) and meets are on Saturdays in May. If interested, please contact Ann Marie Skov at annmcummings@hotmail.com.

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**Pedal For A Cure**

March 7-8th 18th annual Pedal for a Cure. Kathy Marion, teacher at St. Joseph, will be pedaling no where fast between the church and parish center to raise funds for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Her goal is to raise at least $2,500. If you want to support her, drop by and give a donation. Or you may donate on line at: http://pages.teamintraining.org/wa/vancouvr15/kmarion.
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“I have frequently been threatened with death. I must say that, as a Christian, I do not believe in death but in resurrection. If they kill me, I shall rise again in the Salvadoran People.”

Archbishop Oscar Romero Declared a Martyr for the Faith
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
The Voices of the Church: Discerning Our Way to the Synod on the Family

“In this quest to seek and find God in all things there is still an area of uncertainty. There must be. You must leave room for the Lord, not for our certainties; we must be humble. Uncertainty is in every true discernment that is open to finding confirmation in spiritual consolation.”

-Pope Francis-

19 March 2015
7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
St. Joseph Social Hall
19th & Aloha
Seattle, WA

Please come and join Fr. John Whitney, S.J. along with your neighbors and friends in a discussion of the coming Church Synod on the Family.

In a call to the whole Church, Pope Francis has invited us to reflect and respond to the issues that will be discussed at the upcoming Synod of Bishops, to be held in Rome in October. The topic of the Synod is Family Life, and it follows on the heels of the extraordinary session held last October.

This gathering will include a brief explanation of the Synod and its structure, along with the questions given by Pope Francis to the Church around the world.

In helping to guide our response, Fr. Whitney will try to map out an approach to the questions using the Ignatian method of discernment. He will then invite questions and dialogue among the gathered community.

We will also take time to look at various instruments of response that have been brought forth, both by the Archdiocese of Seattle and other, independent bodies.

The goal of the evening is not so much to get a single, univocal response, but to better understand the material at hand, and the ways in which the voice of both individual Catholics and communities may be best represented.

We are called to be a discerning community—loving and diverse, trusting in the movement of the Spirit in the whole body of the Church. We must listen to one another with a humility and courage that can allow the Spirit to be encountered. This is what our evening will be about.

Please join us!
St. Martin de Porres Shelter

Be our guest!

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

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 stevew@stjosephparish.org or (206) 965-1646.

- 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
Faith Justice

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

Don’t Miss Out, Register Now!

CCS Needs your Help

Catholic Community Services Pregancy Support Center maintains a community garden to help support their clients towards a sustainable, independent life. There is an effort underway this year to teach container gardening and a real need for donated containers for planting of produce for client use. The planters can be used or new and will be collected at the back of church for delivery to Catholic Community Services during WE ARE ST JOSEPH DAY activities. Please bring planters for this worthwhile use.

Our Community

Job Opening

JOB TITLE: Pastoral Assistant for Communications - FT

POSITION DESCRIPTION: As a key member of the pastoral and advancement teams, the Pastoral Assistant for Communications will develop and implement a high quality stewardship communications plan for the parish as well as oversee the management and administration of parishioner and donor databases.

Major Duties and Responsibilities:
• Assures that all internal office deadlines are met.
• Develops and implements an annual communications timeline for St. Joseph Parish. Creates and manages weekly e-newsletter and bulletin/worship aid and other communication vehicles.
• Enhances the on-line promotion of St. Joseph Parish, exploring new ways to promote our ministries through social media and other technologies. Provides web reporting, oversight, and technical assistance.
• Welcomes new parishioners. Responds to current parishioner inquiries.
• Works closely with the Communications Advisory Committee and Parish Life Commission.
• Oversees all aspects of donor database quality control, data migration, and reporting.
• Manages the major gifts moves management tracking and reporting system.
• Manages and provide advanced support for legacy society and major donor activities involving events, appeals, communication, collateral materials, etc.

• Attends important liturgical and community events.
• Works directly with outside vendors, as needed.
• Special projects as needed.

Minimum Qualifications:
1. Ability to maintain strict confidentiality regarding work performed.
2. Ability to set priorities and work independently as well as on a team.
3. Demonstrate ability to work well under pressure in a multi-task environment with time and resource constraints; strong time-management and organization skills; ability to manage several projects simultaneously.
4. Solid interpersonal, organizational and communication skills—both oral and written.
5. Good customer service skills.
7. Five years successful experience in communications, fundraising and/or grant writing, preferably in a Catholic institution.
8. Five years experience with complex data management systems and administration.
9. Five years experience in project coordination and/or major event planning and organizing, preferably in a fund development environment.
10. Understanding of Catholic parish system preferred.

If interested, please submit your resume and cover letter to employment@stjosephparish.org
Ceili Dinner
Saturday, March 14th - Wyckoff Gym

Purchase tickets at https://www.stjosephparish.org/267/9026/ceili-dinner.html