THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST May 22, 2022

Sixth Sunday of Easter

WELCOME

Whether you're a registered parishioner or first-time visitor, we hope you feel welcome. There are many ways to get involved. If you have any questions, please let one of our staff members know or call the parish office at 253-630-0701

MISSION STATEMENT

The Catholic Community of St. John the Baptist: Where stewardship is a way of life and the diversity of our gifts is used to answer Christ's call to proclaim and live the Gospel.

Gather in God's Name! Grow in God's Time! Go in God's Spirit!



OFFICE HOURS: Mon-Fri 9am to 4pm; Sat 10am to 3pm

Sunday Liturgies
Vigil: **Sat 5:30pm; Sun 9am, 11:30am,** and **5:30pm**

Vigil mass is live-streamed Saturdays at 5:30pm on Facebook and posted to website by 8am on Sunday

Weekday Liturgies

Word & Communion: Mon & Tues 9am Mass: Wed 9am, Thurs 6:30pm, Fri 9am

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Pastor's Corner



"If you are traveling on May 26, that day may or may not be a Holy Day of Obligation for you, depending on what part of the country you are in.'

- Fr. Bill

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord May 29

Your calendar may indicate that Thursday, May 26 is the Solemnity of the Ascension. In some parts of the world it is, but not on the west coast of the United States. Here, this solemnity has been transferred to the 7th Sunday of Easter, May 29. In some parts of the world, the Ascension is also a civic holiday, making it easier to attend Mass. The United States bishops could not agree on the best date to celebrate the Ascension, so it was left up to the different regions of our country. If you are traveling on May 26, that day may or may not be a Holy Day of Obligation for you, depending on what part of the country you are in.



A Prayer for Mental Health Awareness (May is Mental Health Awareness Month)

O God of Light and Knowledge – we pray that darkness, fear and ignorance about serious mental illnesses might be dispelled by the light of knowledge.

We pray for Peace and Wholeness – for those with troubled minds and hearts, that broken lives and relationships might be mended.

We ask for Understanding – that the walls of stigma, labels, exclusion and marginalization might be broken down through education and advocacy.

We pray for Healing – for men, women and children living with mental illness, for better treatment, for steadier recovery, for greater opportunity to work and serve.

We ask for Faith and Hope – for those who feel no one cares. Dispel their despair through a cup of cold water, an outstretched arm, a listening ear, a committed advocate.

We offer Thanks - for new discoveries in medical research, for faithful caregivers, for dedicated mental health professionals and persistent researchers.

Most of all, O God of Steadfast Love, we thank you for your Love - that sustains the weary, that defends the weak, that sets the lonely in families, that brings beauty out of ashes, that brings a song in the night; that inspires courage to hope, to watch, to work for a new and brighter Day.

AMEN! Fr. Bill

National Alliance on Mental Illnes

This Week At Our Church



Sunday, May 22 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

Mass - 9:00 am

Coffee & Doughnuts - 10:00 am Blood Pressure Screening - 10:00 am Mass - 11:30 am

Life Teen Life Night - 2:00 pm Mass (Life Teen) - 5:30 pm

Monday, May 23 Yoga - 7:30 am

Word & Communion - 9:00 am Christ's 2nd Commandment - 10:00 am Young Families of Faith - 10:00 am Cub Scout Pack 506 Den Meeting - 5:30 pm

Tuesday, May 24

Word & Communion - 9:00 am Girl Scout Troop 46865 Meeting - 6:00 pm "Adult FF "Holy Spirit" Bible Study - 7:00 pm WICS - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, May 25

Mass - 9:00 am Faith Formation Commission - 7:00 pm Grief Ministry - 7:00 pm Youth Group - 7:00 pm Hispanic Charismatic Formation - 7:00 pm

Thursday, May 26

Yoga - 7:30 am

Adult FF "Holy Spirit" Bible Study (Zoom) - 10:00 am Women's SFC: Universal Christ - 4:00 pm Cub Scout Pack 506 meeting - 5:30 pm Knights of Columbus Retirement Planning Webinar (registration required) - 6:00 pm

Mass - 6:30 pm RCIA - 7:00 pm

Friday, May 27

Mass - 9:00 am

Hora Santa de Reparación - 1:30 pm Hispanic Charismatic Prayer - 6:00 pm

Saturday, May 28

Confessions - 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm Mass - 5:30 pm



Saturday, June 11

Knights of Columbus Family BBQ - 1:00 pm

Sunday, June 12

Senior Sunday Mini Retreat - 2:00 pm

Friday, June 17 & Saturday June 18

Parish Spring Cleaning

Saturday, June 23

Knights of Columbus Retirement Planning Seminar

Saturday, June 27 - July 1

Vacation Bible School

Stewardship

TOTAL	\$37,719.58				
Faith Direct Ascension	275.00				
Faith Direct 5/4/22	27,435.25				
St. Vincent de Paul	315.00				
Vigil lights	34.00				
Stewardship Loose Cash	687.00				
Stewardship Loose Checks	2,986.50				
Stewardship Envelopes	\$5,986.83				
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Sunday Collection - May 15, 2022					





Thanks for Your Support!

Providing ministries for our brothers and sisters in Western Washington.

Please make your 2022 ACA gift today.

TOGETHER WE CAN be Christ to others! Our parish is living out this call with our strong support of the Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA). Your gift supports our dedicated priests, deacons, religious women and lay ministers who serve all of us as we strive to grow in our faith. Thank you to all who have returned your ACA pledge and gift. This week you will be receiving Archbishop's Etienne's follow-up letter for the campaign. If your gift crosses this letter in the mail, thank you for your prompt response. And please remember that all funds received over our goal will be returned to our parish project.

Remember, our parish goal this year is \$115,812.00 to fund parking lot safety improvements.

Please give generously.



Faith Formation



Uh-oh, we made an error!

There are two very special communicants, who should have been included in last week's bulletin as 2022 communicants.

Steffi Daniel and Lily O'Connell

are fully prepared and ready to celebrate their First Communion later this month and next month.

Congratulations to Steffi & Lily!



Every year we have a some things happening specifically for our graduating seniors. Here's what we have planned this year.

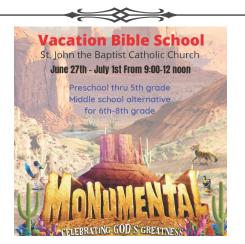
Graduating Seniors, please **fill out** this survey (https://sjtbcc.org/graduating-seniors/) so that we can celebrate you with senior profiles in the narthex/ church lobby during the summer months.

Senior Sunday will be June 12, 2022. Join the seniors-only mini retreat from 2:00 - 5:30pm in the McMullen Center. Life Teen Mass will follow, where we will celebrate our graduating seniors by blessing them and sending them off with a gift!

Note: Registrations for the mini retreat are due no later than June 5, 2022.

Register here for the Senior Sunday mini retreat https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAlpQLSfq3so3_L2ledFEOHWmY6V1WlbFs_Shp D3SVStQdau804qTtA/viewform

For more information, contact Chelsea Wilde at 253-893-6683 or chelseaw@sjtbcc.org.



For more information, visit us at https://sitbcc.org/2022/04/17/vacation-bible-school/

In Our Parish



Gina Howell, Cheryl Oakley, and Jackie Raczka

Those who have died:

John Wehrly (brother of Gigi Eakins)



Grief Support Program

Offered by St. John the Baptist Grief Ministry

May 25 to June 22, 2022 7:00 - 9:00 pm every Wednesday, online via Zoom

<u>Walking Through Grief</u> is a 9-part educational and inspirational grief program offering support and hope to those experiencing the loss of a loved one (e.g. spouse, parent, friend, or child) in their lives and will be offered at **no charge**.

If you are grieving, or someone you know is grieving and you feel that this may have some benefit for you, please contact Frank Hammock (Lead Facilitator), via the Parish Office, 253-630-0701 or https://sitbcc.org/contact-us/ to learn more about Walking Through Grief.



Track Your Use of Paper & Disposable Products



This week, watch how often you use paper plates, disposable utensils and straws. See which of those items you can replace with reusable Tupperware and flatware that you can take with you. You can keep this in your car, purse, or backpack to use at a moment's notice.

The St. John the Baptist Creation Care Team will promote just and equitable sustainability of natural resources through personal and communal awareness, attitude, and action. We are entrusted as stewards of God's creation, which is our common home. As people of faith, we affirm that all of God's creation is sacred.



What: BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

When: Sunday, May 22 (this weekend)
Time: After 9:00 & 11:30 Sunday masses
Where: Conference Room (across office lobby)
By whom: Betty Lou Partridge RN

By whom: **Betty Lou Partridge, RN**Contact parish office for more information



Facilities & Grounds Spring Cleaning Event COME JOIN US!

Friday, June 17 at 10:00 am to 5:00 pm Saturday, June 18 at 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Come one day or both days! Even 90 minutes of service will bless us all!

SPECIAL FUN AND FEATURES ON SATURDAY



grilled by our Knights of Columbus

Families, friends, and ministry groups will have an opportunity to learn about caring for a small plot of our parish property.

For more information, visit us at https://sjtbcc.org/2022/05/15/parish-wide-spring-cleaning/



REMINDING YOU



St. John the Baptist will NEVER email, text, or call you to request a donation directly. Requests for donations will be announced at mass for the following:

- annual parish stewardship
- the Annual Catholic Appeal
- special collections

If you receive a call, text, or email for a request that appears to come from the parish, Father Bill, or any pastoral leader or parish staff/volunteers that isn't for one of the above, you should ignore the request or call the parish directly to inquire.



If you have any thoughts on our bulletin or would like to see something addressed, please contact us at bulletin@sitbcc.org. We appreciate any and all feedback/input you give us.

From Our Community



IT'S OKAY TO TALK ABOUT SUICIDE!

- Suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death among people aged 10-34 in the U.S.
- Suicide is the 10th leading cause of death in the U.S.
- The overall suicide rate in the U.S. has increased by 35% since 1999
- 46% of people who die by suicide had a diagnosed mental health condition
- 90% of people who die by suicide had shown symptoms of a mental health condition, according to interviews with family, friends and medical professionals (also known as psychological autopsy)
- Lesbian, gay and bisexual youth are 4x more likely to attempt suicide than straight youth
- 78% of people who die by suicide are male
- Transgender adults are nearly 12x more likely to attempt suicide than the general population
- Annual prevalence of serious thoughts of suicide, by U.S. demographic group:
 - * 4.9% of all adults
 - * 11.3% of young adults aged 18-25
 - * 18.8% of high school students
 - * 42% of LGBTQ youth
 - 52% of LGBTQ youth who identify as transgender or nonbinary

If you or someone you know is in an emergency, call The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/) at 800-273-TALK (8255) or call 911 immediately.

Source: https://www.nami.org/mhstats. More information and statistics can be found at https://www.nami.org/mhstats



Support Request; Volunteers Needed



The St. Vincent de Paul **Seattle Help Line** is seeing an unprecedented amount of calls and needs support. The ideal volunteer is someone who can commit a 2-hour shift per week. The Helpline runs 8

am to 3 pm Monday-Friday, and the need is greatest in the morning. Helpline **Volunteers work from home** and need a laptop/computer with a microphone and speakers. Training is provided by the Help Line staff.

If you are interested please contact Vincentsupport@svdpseattle.org. If you know of someone who is not a Vincentian but might make a good Help Line volunteer, please share this link with them to submit a volunteer application.



2022 World Day of Migrants & Refugees Theme Introduced

This month Pope Francis introduced the theme for the 2022 World Day of Migrants & Refugees: *Building the future with migrants and refugees*. The

Church has been celebrating the World Day of Migrants and Refugees (WDMR) since 1914. It is always an occasion to express concern for different vulnerable people on the move; to pray for them as they face many challenges; and to increase awareness about the opportunities that migration offers. **Every year the WDMR is the last Sunday of September**, this year falling on September 25. Over the weeks and months to come, we will be breaking open this theme and invite you to pray for the millions of migrants and refugees in the world.



"My life has improved in all areas. I feel that I will be a better mother, wife, daughter, friend and my relationship with God has been awakened. I am reborn." - Testimonial

Our next Rachel's Vineyard Retreat will be June 10-12. Please contact Angie at projectrachel@ccsww.org or call 206-920-6413 to register for the retreat or for more information.

Call for a compassionate & confidential conversation English: (206) 920-6413 | Español: (206)-450-7814

Email projectrachel@ccsww.org.

Visit us at www.ccsww.org/projectrachel or www.facebook.com/projectrachelww.

Project Rachel is a program of Catholic Community Services.

You are loved with an everlasting Love!



Care Closet - Hygiene Item List



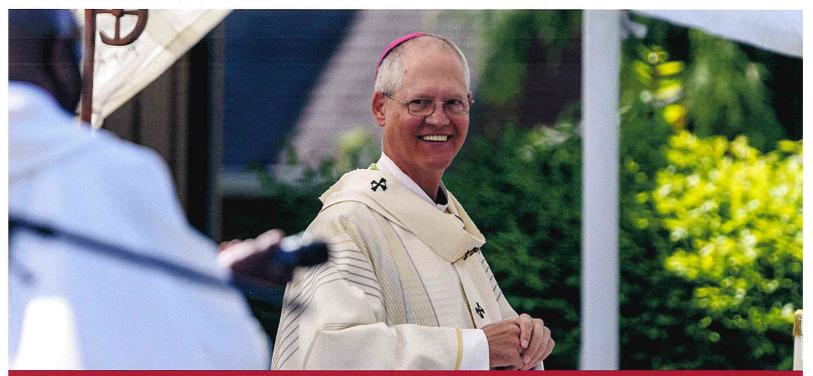
The Care Closet meets the needs of basic hygiene products for VMP families

Items needed are toilet paper, shampoo & conditioner, laundry detergent, kitchen trash bags, dish soap, paper towels, shaving cream (female), feminine hygiene products, and much more. Call for list.

Care Closet items may be dropped off at either location during our regular business hours, Mon - Fri, 8:30-5:00 at both locations. For large quantities, please call ahead.

THANK YOU!

For questions, please contact:
Maple Valley location- Lisa O'Leary at:
Lisao@vinemapleplace.org 425-432-2119 x104;
Kent location- Shannon Fisher at:
Shannonf@vinemapleplace.org 253-893-6600



TOGETHER WE CAN be Christ to Others

"Mission is not what we have. It is who we are. We are the body of Christ."

-ARCHBISHOP PAUL D. ETIENNE

PRAY

Prayer is the first way you can help.

GIVE NOW

If the Lord is leading you to support the ACA today with a financial gift, thank you.

SHARE

If you've been inspired by how God changes lives, we hope you share your testimony with others.

With your gift and the gifts of thousands of others around Western Washington:

TOGETHER WE CAN live the Gospel through our Faith in Action,
Hope in Resurrection,
Truth in Love,
Unity in Diversity.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am grateful for the many wonderful families and individuals who make up our parish communities across all of Western Washington. During these challenging times of uncertainty, one thing is certain: As people of faith we can bring the light of Christ to others by renewing our relationship with Jesus and embracing the mission of his Church. Together, we can be Christ to others!

Every year, I ask you to join me in making a gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal to support our dedicated priests, deacons, religious women and lay ministers who nourish us through the ministry of Christ by serving all God's people in our region — in person and virtually.

Please prayerfully consider making a sacrificial gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal to continue our pastoral work for the people and parishes of the Archdiocese of Seattle. Your gift to the ACA will help us continue to serve our brothers and sisters across Western Washington.

Please know that I continue to pray for you. May God bless you abundantly for your kindness and generosity.

In the Heart of Christ,

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Most Rev. Paul D. Etienne, DD, STL Archbishop of Seattle



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A Lasting Legacy of Faith

WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU DO NOTHING?

Here's the reality! If you don't make your plans now, someone else in your family will eventually have to. We can help ease this burden on your family. Your Catholic Church provides a free educational service explaining all of your pre-planning options, and how they fit in with the Church's teachings. Don't put it off any longer. Plan now for your family's peace of mind.

Dlan Now ...while you are healthy

The best time to plan your burial arrangements is when you can participate fully. You want to be of sound body and mind and supported by your loved ones while making these important choices.

lan Now... while you are living

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YES, I'd	like to	know	what	my (option	s are!

- ☐ I'd like a FREE Catholic Funeral Planning Guide
- ☐ I'd like a FREE "Considering Cremation? Catholics and Cremation" brochure
- ☐ Please tell me how to save 15% Pre-Need (expires June 30, 2022)

Name:_____

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Email.

Parish:_____

I Wish to Learn About:

- □ Cremation Placement
- □ Traditional Burial
- □ Mausoleum Entombment

Location(s) I'm Interested In:

- ☐ Calvary Seattle, WA
- ☐ Gethsemane Federal Way, WA
- ☐ Holyrood Shoreline, WA
- ☐ St. Patrick Kent, WA

If this has reached you at a time of need, we apologize. We had no way of knowing.

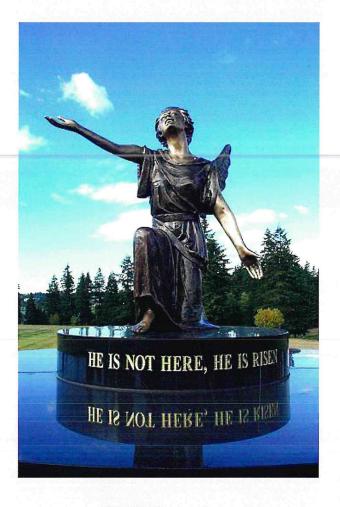
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