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WELCOME

St. Joseph Parish is excited to provide you with our first newsletter. This triannual publication can help inform parishioners of the many ministries, programs, and activities available in our Parish, and aims to provide more details about these activities than can fit in our weekly bulletin. Each ministry/ group is encouraged to submit news about themselves, and both their recent and upcoming events.

Our first issue will introduce many of the groups in our Parish who work together to build God’s Kingdom. If you are not already involved, consider joining at least one of these opportunities to serve Christ, the Church, our Parish, and our communities. If you can’t join one, then please support them as best you can.

Contact info for people mentioned can be found in the **Group Directory**, included in the final pages of this issue. For the most up-to-date information, ALWAYS refer to the weekly bulletin, and to our website.

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

It sure seems like it has been quite a while (Wow! It was at the end of September) since I made the important decision to take a medical leave of absence in order to attend exclusively to my heart failure problem. I know the pain and disruption that this decision has caused in our parishes and I am proud of your acceptance of “the way things have to be” and your willingness to carry on!

I still have a way to go but I am improving and feeling much, much better. I don’t think I need to go into all the details, but my heart is doing somewhat better and although it’s not like a bump on the arm, I should improve to some degree and hopefully return to a scaled-back schedule sometime in the not too distant future.

I offer my gratitude to Father Leonardo who has taken upon himself a lot of extra work! I called him last Tuesday to see if he was still alive after Christmas – and he said he was! Thanks Fr. Leonardo. Thanks also to my primary care Doctor and the three specialists (four when I count the prosthesis specialist) who have been doing a great job keeping me busy with appointments and tests and blood draws, and cat-scans and x-rays etc. Thanks also to all of you for your cards, your kind words and especially, your prayers. I have been reading the bulletin regularly and using it as my source for both information and for my prayer, as I pray on a regular basis for individuals, and groups within the parishes. A special thanks to my dear cousins - Steve and Karen Anderson and their family, for being there for me with help, support and transportation to all my

appointments! I have greatly enjoyed having tea with Cathy Wiswell from time-to-time as she kept me up-to date with what's going on, and I am thankful that things are going as well as they are!

And finally, I know I haven't been around much because I have been very busy avoiding all the germs that have been going around!

My best wishes to all of you and may God bless you!!

--**Father Dennis, Pastor** (last time I checked!!)

COUNCILS & COMMISSIONS

Joint Pastoral Council



Parishioners from both St. Joseph and Queen of Angels Parishes serve together as a consultative body advising our Pastor regarding pastoral

matters of both parishes, including the approval of two new parish ministries: H.A.L.O.S. and No One Dies Alone.

Council President is **Tom O'Donnell** from Queen of Angels Parish. Members from St. Joseph Parish currently serving on the Pastoral Council are: **Mike McNulty, Ray Daignault, Mike Flynn, Per Saelid, Janet LaCombe,** and **Patricia Frenette**. Council normally meets the 3rd Saturday of the month and is open to parishioners.

Finance Council

Parish members assist our Pastor in the administration of financial matters of the Parish.



JOINT PARISH COMMISSIONS

Liturgy Commission



The Liturgical Ministries of this Commission assist with the spiritual and liturgical needs of the parish. These ministries include Eucharistic

Adoration, Altar Servers, Altar Linen Care, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Arts & Environment, Rosary Leaders, Lectors, Music and ushers.

Communications Commission

Members of this Commission have had a busy and productive year! Working to improve internal and external communication, the Communications Committee is responsible for the new signage in front of our church (on the corner of Sequim and Maple). They have also worked intensely to improve the parish bulletin and create a more user-friendly website. Their most recent communication tool was the approval of newsletters for both parishes. Ray Daignault represents the Pastoral Council on this Commission.

Evangelization Commission

The mission of the Evangelization Commission is to facilitate evangelization efforts in the Parishes and community. The Commission serves those who do not know Christ, those who are on a journey to learn more about faith and the Catholic Church, and for former Catholics who are considering a return to the church. For more information please contact **Harley Robinson**.

Faith Formation Commission

Programs such as Adult Scripture Study, RCIA, and Elementary Religious Education in this Commission share in the faith promotion of youth and adults.

Parish Life Commission

The Parish Life Commissions includes all the ministries and organizations that enhance parish life through hospitality and fellowship. These include the Welcoming Ministry, Lay Carmelites, Knights of Columbus, and Women of St. Joseph.

School Commission



According to national and archdiocesan guidelines, the purpose of the School Commission is to assure appropriate policies are in

place. The Commission also has the responsibility of advising the school principal, especially in areas impacting the budget.

At Queen of Angels School, the School Commission has assumed additional responsibilities. One of the sub-committees, the Task Force, has been creating events which are intended to increase awareness of the school and as well as raising funds for the school. Touch A Truck has become an annual event. School Task Force will sponsor the 32nd annual Touch a Truck event on Saturday, April 25 from 10 AM to 2 PM on the Queen of Angels School playground! Kids of all ages are welcome at this free community event. Bring your kids to see emergency vehicles, logging trucks, construction vehicles, etc. It is a fun-filled day for the whole family. Food and activities available.

Mike Flynn is the Pastoral Council representative to the School Commission.

Service Commission

Those parish groups who reach out to serve others are represented on the Commission. Recently the Commission Members decided that they wanted to sponsor a ministry fair at each Parish. The original date was to be in early March just at the beginning of Lent. The Chair sent a request to the Pastoral Council to discuss this proposal. However, with Fr. Robb's unexpected medical leave and the reduction of Masses, the issue was put on hold. It is hoped that the Pastoral Council will soon revisit our request so that a Ministry Fair can be held in the Fall around the time that the *Time, Talent & Treasure* Stewardship Forms are distributed.

Mike McNulty represents the Pastoral Council along with Tom O'Donnell. **Cyl Maljan-Herbelin** is the Chair of this Commission.

Youth Commission



Members of this Commission work to help give direction to our parish youth groups. Joint Parish Programs for youth of

both parishes include: Elementary Religious Education, High School and Middle School Youth Groups, and Confirmation Sponsors. Directors of Religious Education, **Mike** and **Mary Kay Acheson** can answer your questions about these programs.

MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS

Liturgical Ministries

Eucharistic Adoration is the devotion of spending quality time alone in Jesus' Presence on the altar. This opportunity is available on Fridays beginning at 9:15 AM. **Jeanette Daignault** is the contact for this ministry.

Altar Servers (Knights of the Altar) are the youth of our parish, from grade 4 through high school, who assist the priest at Mass. There is always a need for more altar servers; contact **Dcn. Dan Powers** if interested.



Altar Linen Care includes washing and ironing of purificators, corporals, hand towels, etc. If interested in helping contact Joyce Kirsch.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion assist the priest in administering the Body and Blood of Christ at our Masses. **Linda Gavin** trains all new Extraordinary Ministers.



Arts & Environment members assist with the décor of the church during the liturgical seasons of the year. They hang banners and other decorations, place flowers on the altar, etc. Contact the parish office if you would like to help.

Lectors proclaim the Scriptures at daily and weekend Masses. They also read announcements and invite the parishioners to fully participate in the Mass. Contact **Mike Flynn** if you would like to help.



Music is provided by one of our choirs at our weekend Masses. The Saturday 5:00pm Choir is looking for more singers. They rehearse on Wednesdays from 1:00pm to 3:00pm and have pre-Mass warm-up Saturdays at 4:00.



Ushers welcome and assist parishioners and visitors as they enter the church for weekend Mass and direct Extraordinary Ministers to those who cannot walk in procession to the altar to receive Holy Communion.

Faith Formation Ministries

Children's Liturgy of the Word teaches the children of our parish the basics of our faith during the 8:30 Sunday Mass.

Contact **Morgan Nolan** if you would like to help.

RCIA Sponsors journey together with those who are exploring entry into the Catholic Church.



Contact **Dcn. Richard Labrecque** for more information.

Parish Life Ministries

Welcoming Ministry. The mission of the Welcome Ministry is to ensure new parishioners become part of the St. Joseph family. Office staff notify the ministry coordinator of newly registered parishioners, who are then contacted by one of our nine Welcome Team members. They answer any questions about parish life and help connect them with ministries and groups.

New folks have an opportunity to socialize with each other and the Team at the Knights of Columbus pancake breakfasts. In 2019 alone, the Welcome Team contacted over 60 newly registered families in our parish. Happily, many have expressed that they felt welcomed by other parishioners before they even had contact with our team.

Our upcoming gatherings will be at the Women of St. Joseph-sponsored coffee hour on Sunday, Jan. 26 (following Mass), and the Knights of Columbus breakfasts after Mass on Mar. 29 and May 31.

Contact **Jacquelyn Witte** for info or to join the team.

The Knights of Columbus. Catholic men are called to do more. The Knights of Columbus can help men answer that call. The Knights of Columbus has helped strengthen men, their families, their parishes and their communities since 1882.



The Knights of Columbus stands as the strong right arm of the Church, and challenges members to grow deeper in their faith through programs, fraternity and vital resources. Our Knights of Columbus meet the first Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM in St. Joseph Parish Hall.

Contact **Joe Clementi** for more information.

Lay Carmelites. A Vocation of Love: Whether as a Carmelite priest, friar, cloistered nun, active sister, or Lay Carmelite, all of us within the Carmelite Order share a common charism--albeit lived in richly varying and diverse ways, depending upon each person's state of life. Carmel's own definition of our charism is a call, "to live a life of allegiance to Jesus Christ, in a contemplative attitude which fashions and supports our life of prayer, fraternity, and service."

One of the members of the Lay Carmelites has this to say about her involvement with their Community: *When I think about how I am being called to live this out in my own life, what first comes to mind is making the attempt to truly practice living in the presence of God at all times, and to make a conscious effort to reflect this in all ways regardless of what is happening around me. It means living my Catholic faith with knowledge, integrity, and resolve...having the courage to speak up at those times when I'd rather not, keeping still when my tongue wants free rein, and keeping enough interior stillness to hear the Spirit as He guides me to recognize the better response in any given moment. I am called to live in the now and to be sensitive to how I can serve those with whom I interact, even if it be something as simple as making eye contact with the homeless or offering a smile to a stranger. It means looking to our Holy Mother, our Carmelite model and Patroness, who lived par excellence a life of purity of both mind and heart.*

As all Carmelites, both Religious and Lay, I am called to live a life of chastity. It is through chastity that we acknowledge that only God may fully satisfy the longing of our hearts. I share the call of all Carmelites to be obedient to God, to the Church, to the Carmelite way of life, and to those in positions of authority over me within the entire Carmelite Order, the Province of the Most Pure Heart of Mary, and within our own Carmelite Community.

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As Carmelites, we are bound to one another by our vocation, our prayers, and our role in the Church and in our families. It is a bond that transcends position, geography, and even time. We not only share the same goal, but are called to walk along a similar path up the mountain—a path that has been well-trod by all Carmelites who have gone before us, and one that will be further cleared by all those who will come after.

For more information, call **Patricia Frenette**, Formation Director.

Women of St. Joseph. Many events are held throughout the year, such as the Harvest Bazaar in November, Christmas Social in December, and our Rummage and Plant Sale in April. We also have a group that meets every other Monday for sewing projects and to make things for the bazaar. They are called “Hearts and Hands” (See your weekly bulletin for times and place.) The Women of St Joseph also sponsor a coffee hour once a month during the months of September through May, with a few exceptions. There is fun, excitement, and good times had by all. That’s not to say that there isn’t plenty of hard work that goes along with all the fun and good times.

One of the members of WSJ has this to say about her involvement:

What Women of St. Joseph (WSJ) Means to Me. “For me, the WSJ has been the center of my Worship, my Socials and my Joy.

Two years ago, I retired in Sequim, Washington after more than 30 years living and working around the world. I was born in the Philippines and have been a practicing Catholic from childhood. The long period of travels provided no permanent parish community for me. Being a member of the WSJ, I found the St. Joseph Parish to be my place of worship to strengthen my faith, to love and serve God. Having a Filipino-American Parochial Vicar was an added welcome. The WSJ sponsors Advent and Lent Reflections which enhance spiritual improvement through prayers and alms giving, assistance to the poor amongst us.

From the onset, the WSJ became the focus of my religious and social activities. When I walked into my first Coffee Hour after the Sunday mass, I saw the lively gathering and met my first friendly neighbors in Sequim. The couple came to visit me and helped in sorting out my excessive household effects accumulated through the years overseas and delivering donations to Goodwill, Serenity and the WSJ Rummage Sale. At the Rummage Sale, I met an active member and volunteer, who later introduced me to the meetings of WSJ. Impressed by the hospitality of the members of WSJ and the mission of the WSJ, I automatically embraced the WSJ motto of Praying, Caring and Sharing.

Eager to develop good camaraderie, I volunteered to update the badges/name tags of the members and since then have assisted in maintaining a current roster. I found the following meetings interesting and participation in the group events very encouraging. Secret Prayer Partner emphasizes admission of our need for a power that is greater than ourselves. It has been inspiring and motivating to volunteer in setting up and breaking down the Spring Rummage Sales and Autumn Bazaars. Amazing that we offered handicrafts made by our creatively skilled members of the Hands and Hearts group, plus abundant donations of baked goods, trinkets and excess treasures from parishioners. All proceeds went to charities selected by the members of the WSJ. I also volunteered to assist in the WSJ Monthly Coffee Hour.

The fellowship and friendship within WSJ extended to having Christmas Socials whereby members relished the delicious potluck food and everyone cherished the lovely time together surrounded by right spiritual ambiance. But most of all, I found a niche in a 9-member group, a friendly family

extension of the WSJ. These ladies meet once a month for lunch just to share a meal together and update each other of family happenings and relevant religious activities. I am presently a member of the Nominating Committee of WSJ and will be responsible in ensuring a smooth election and timely succession in the wonderful leadership of WSJ.

Finally, the Joy I feel being part of the WSJ is immeasurable. Christian friendships I found are priceless. From the initial warm welcome I experienced, I was able to navigate some venue to serve the parish and become an active member of the Catholic community. I am very proud to be able through WSJ to contribute annually to more than a dozen of charities. I enjoy always meeting parishioners of all ages and happily chatting with them over coffee and pastries or fruits. It is a pleasure to work side by side with talented members of WSJ guided by capable leadership and trustworthy management. I am comfortable with the thought of my Secret Prayer Partner praying for my intentions and that for World Peace and Love.

We are starting new things all the time—please come join us! Check the bulletin and website for meeting times and places.

Service Ministries

The Pastoral Council recently approved two new parish ministries to fulfill special needs in our parish and community.



NEW: H.A.L.O.S. Healing After the Loss of a Spouse. *Grief never ends... but it changes. It's a passage, not a place to stay. Grief is not a sign of weakness, nor a lack of faith... It is the price of love.*

The passing of a spouse is devastating... your world, as you've known it for years/decades, is suddenly gone and a strange new reality takes its place... reinventing your life seems to be impossible... your grief is unique and confusing... being widowed is not what you signed up for.

Group Facilitators, **Missy Church-Smith, Kim Bennett, and Mary Vie**, have all experienced this unwelcome transition and reached out to each other for comfort and understanding.

Sharing feelings, fears, and memories with those who have had common experiences does help; however, the spiritual facet of dealing with grief was missing.

When we discovered that there was no support ministry for St. Joseph Parish widows/widowers, no way to reach out to bereaved spouses to let them know that they were not alone and were cared for, we proposed a new ministry, HALOS, to fill this void.

In anticipation of creating this proposal, we met over a period of several months, starting in December 2018, to plan the structure of HALOS – mission statement, purpose, how the meetings would be run, how often to meet, what topics to discuss, and how to best meet all participants' needs. We researched other bereavement groups to see what would work best for us and did not want to replicate what was already offered in Sequim, such as Hospice and church-based groups.



Mary Vie



Kim Bennett



Missy Church-Smith

Following presentations to both the Service Commission and the Pastoral Council, we were approved and recognized as an official St. Joseph Parish Ministry. We then held an organizational meeting for interested parishioners on June 13, 2019; 7 of us met in the parish hall to determine the format of the ministry, ensure confidentiality, select frequency and time of gatherings, venue, discussion points – and other important aspects, like snacks! We reached consensus and set the 2019 schedule; at our December 2019 meeting, we welcomed 11 members, as well as Dcn. Richard Labrecque, who graciously agreed to be HALOS' Spiritual Advisor.

All meetings open and close with prayer; guidelines stressing confidentiality are followed to ensure open and non-judgmental discussions. Details of upcoming

gatherings and pertinent handouts are e-mailed ahead of time. Participants decide topics of interest for the upcoming meetings; such discussions have included daily living issues, safety, holiday struggles, dealing with paperwork, decision-making, etc.

This is the ministry none of us wishes to join but we are privileged to provide this opportunity for our parishioners. We discovered through sharing, hugging, praying that we are kindred spirits, and that God is holding our hands. All St. Joseph Parish widows/widowers are welcome to join us for one gathering or as often as you wish. If you have any questions, please contact one of us. We wish you peace as you navigate this difficult path and offer you friendship and compassion.

MISSION: To offer fellowship and support to St. Joseph Parish parishioners who have suffered the loss of a spouse.

PURPOSE: Our purpose is not to offer therapy or counseling; Hospice groups are in place to address those needs. HALOS is discussion-based, allowing opportunities for participants to share fellowship, experiences, concerns, coping strategies and milestones.

2020 Schedule: We will meet the 4th Thursday of each month, from 10:30am-12:00pm, in the Religious Education (RE) building. Dates: Jan. 23, Apr. 23, Feb. 27, Mar. 26, May 28, June 25



NEW: No One Dies Alone (NODA) is a nationwide volunteer program that provides the reassuring presence of a volunteer companion, Compassionate Companion, to dying patients in local nursing homes who would otherwise be alone. This companionship

offers the patient the most valuable of human gifts: a dignified death.

The program has its roots in an event that happened on a rainy night in 1985 at Sacred Heart Medical Center, Eugene, Ore., when a veteran nurse, Sandra Clarke, had a brief encounter with a man whose name she cannot recall, but will never forget. He was one of her seven patients, near death and a DNR. During her initial rounds, he asked, barely audible, "Will you stay with me?" He was so frail, pale, old and tremulous. Of course," she says, meaning it. "As soon as I check on my other patients." Vital signs, passing meds, chart checks, assessments and bathroom assistance for her six other patients took up most of the next hour and a half. When she returned, he was dead. She consoled herself with the knowledge that he was very old and obviously failing, that there were orders to not resuscitate him, that even if she had returned more quickly, she could not have done anything. Still, she was troubled. She felt that she has failed, not just as a nurse but as a human being. It was okay for him to die, she thought—it was his time—but it was not okay for him to die alone.

Since that night she occasionally mentioned to peers and administrators her idea for putting together a group of volunteers who would be willing to sit with the alone and dying. Usually this was met with comments such as "Good idea." For 16 years Clarke's vision quest remained only conversation, until one day, during a casual conversation with another nurse, the hospital's pastoral care director, Bob Scheri, overheard her talking about her old idea for volunteers who would attend to the alone and dying. Bob asked her to write a proposal, which he would take to PeaceHealth corporate headquarters for consideration. In six months, an *ad hoc* committee, composed of various department heads and herself, created a complete program based on her simple plan without creating a new department and with only minimal financial impact. No One Dies Alone has been up and running since November 2001.

NODA now operates across the country, even the world. Washington State has programs operating

throughout the state including at Seattle's Harborview, Olympia's Providence Health System, and Spokane's Sacred Heart.

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The reasons individual employees have volunteered are fascinating and as varied as they are. Some sat with a loved one during their final days; others were not able to sit with their loved one but feel the need to sit with another who is alone. Some come from large families and cannot imagine someone being alone; others are alone themselves.

Vigil Coordinator, Cyl Maljan-Herbelin, tells us: *"My original reason for doing candlelight vigils was somewhat selfish – as a single maturing woman with no family or close friends nearby, I was terrified of dying alone! Praying to St. Francis of Assisi (the patron saint against dying alone) and St. Joseph (patron of a happy death) helped, but it wasn't until 2005 when I responded to the need for Spiritual Care volunteers at Family Hospice and Palliative Care (Pittsburgh, PA) that I felt I found my answer. I reasoned that if I sat with others so that they would not die alone, God will provide for me when my time came. In 2010 the No One Dies Alone program was initiated at UPMC Mercy hospital where I was already a volunteer in the hospital's Spiritual Care Department. I became one of their first volunteers! Circumstances have changed since then, I have married (very late in life), was blessed with a family of 6 adult children and moved from the East Coast to the West Coast! Now my reason for participating in this program is simply an act of mercy where both the resident and I are blessed in a very special way."*

St. Joseph's No One Dies Alone Program volunteers sit in vigil with patients in Sequim nursing homes who are expected to die within 48-72 hours, on DNR status, and who do not have family or friends involved and present to be with them in their final hours. Compassionate Companions sit at the bedside of the dying, holding a hand or stroking an arm. Some talk or read aloud from

the Bible or other inspirational books, pray the rosary and/or the Divine Chaplet and other prayers for the dying, others play CDs or from their smartphone's music playlist. The shared time is intense but rewarding. At St. Joseph's we ask our volunteers to sit with a patient for a 4-hour shift (shift length is flexible) between 7 PM to 7AM.

We currently have 11 Compassionate Companions; we could use twice that many. This is not a very time-consuming ministry as there will only be a few who meet all the criteria for the vigil to be activated. It will most likely be months between calls and you only volunteer when you can. Contact **Cyl Maljan-Herbelin** to volunteer or for further information.

Communion to the Homebound currently has 17



Ministers to the Homebound, 15 of whom are actively bringing the Body of Christ to our homebound parishioners whose number fluctuates between 60 and 75 on any given day. Our visits are usually weekly.

Carrying the Body of Christ to another individual is a blessing indeed, for both giver and receiver. Both are transformed in Christ. **Linda Gavin** is always looking for more volunteers for this special ministry.

St. Vincent de Paul Society, St. Joseph Conference:

This is the time of year that St. Vincent de Paul receives the most calls for help. When winter approaches, utility bills stack up and work slows down. We live in a beautiful part of the world – which means we have an economy in Sequim that relies to a great extent on tourism and the weather. Many of those we help have seasonal jobs: landscapers, hotel clerks and housekeepers. Even people who work in retailing find that their hours are cut. We also find that more help is needed for the homeless. Homelessness in Sequim is not immediately visible. We do not have many on street corners holding signs. Instead, they are living in their cars or camping in out-of-the-way places.



For those living in their cars, we will often buy gasoline so they can run their cars at night to keep warm. Last

winter, we bought gasoline for a 17-year-old girl (let's call her Sarah) who was living in her car. Her home situation had become untenable. Her mother had a new boyfriend and Sarah and the boyfriend could not get along. At night, she would park her car in various places around town – shopping center parking lots or on the property of friends. But with low temperatures at night in the 20's she found it difficult to keep warm. The purchase of gas helped her in the short term. But we were able to stay in touch with her over the next year or so and helped her with food and gas from time-to-time. She continued to work at Jack-in-the-Box, becoming an assistant manager. She graduated from high school and went on to study at Peninsula College.

The members of St. Vincent de Paul are grateful for the support we receive from parishioners. Your donations and prayers are essential in our mission to serve those in need. Your donations change lives like Sarah's.

The Vincentians meet the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 9:30 AM in the Parish Hall. Contact Conference President **Cyl-Maljan-Herbelin** to see how you can help. **For Assistance, call 360-683-2112.**

RESPECT LIFE

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The Respect Life Group has been busy. We participate, along with Queen of Angels Respect Life, in a weekly prayer vigil in front of Planned Parenthood in Port Angeles. It is often cold, rainy, and windy (sometimes sunny!) but we are determined to make people aware of the loss of innocent preborn life in our country. Prior to that, we held prayer vigils in front of Planned Parenthood in Sequim until it closed. We planned and implemented the blessing of the new Sequim location of Obria, a local pro-life pregnancy center.

We help, along with Queen of Angels, coordinate the buses to the Annual March for Life in Olympia. We promote education on the Church's teachings on a full range of life issues, for example, sex trafficking,

domestic violence, pornography, assisted suicide etc., by maintaining the bulletin board in the church hall and narthex with information and pamphlets in both English and Spanish. We can provide confidential help for post-abortive women as well as those who may be in a crisis pregnancy.

Our goal is to speak with love and reconciliation, never judgement. We have been able to distribute multiple copies of Pope Saint Paul VI's beautiful and easy to read encyclical *Humane Vitae* which clearly explains the Church's teaching on the sanctity of life. His words continue to motivate us in our commitment to our mission statement to promulgate the Catholic Church's teachings on pro-life issues. We host coffee hours to continue these efforts. We hold an annual Memorial for the Unborn which draws members of other churches in our community making it a truly ecumenical event.

Please contact **Lani McCarry** for additional information as well as meeting dates, times, and locations.

Funeral Receptions: St. Joseph's Bereavement Committee is a ministry which provides hospitality for family members following a Catholic Funeral Mass. This ministry gives the family a place to gather with each other and friends, to enjoy fellowship, compassion, nourishment and memories of their loved one. We serve a light luncheon buffet in our parish hall which consists of a variety of meats and cheeses, with assorted salads and desserts provided by our members.



A few of our 54 members



There are many ways to serve on this committee. You may come help set up the parish hall prior to the reception, serve at the reception or

volunteer for clean up afterwards. Others choose to donate a salad or a dessert. We currently have 54 members in this ministry. Not all members are able to help with every funeral reception but contribute as they are able to. We average about 10 receptions a year with anywhere from 60 - 175 people attending. If you would like to join us in this amazing ministry, contact **Kim Bennett**.

Prayer Shawl Ministry – Knitwits. Small as we may be, over the past couple of years we have distributed over 50 prayer shawls to family, friends and neighbors-- from Sequim to California -- love and prayers woven into each one. Since the Q/A group is also smaller, we are encouraged to attend either/both. We have huge inventory of yarn to work with and an inventory of finished/blessed shawls that just need a place/someone to go to.



Our get-togethers are 2nd Thursday, 1:30 PM at the home of Eileen Knight, head Knitwit. All Knitters & Crocheters are welcome! Contact **Eileen Knight** to participate or request a prayer shawl. Mission Statement: *"To create prayer shawls to be gifted to those in our parish and community to bring comfort, hope and peace as a tangible reminder of the mercy and compassion of God's all-embracing love."*

GET INVOLVED

- **Group leaders:** Ready for an official clallamcatholic.org email address for your parish group or commission? Please call the office for more details on how this little change can benefit your group now, and in the years to come.
- **Event reporters.** Volunteers are needed to attend parish events, both to photograph the event for the newsletter, and hopefully get a quote or two to share with the Editor. Just a few cell phone snaps can help readers feel like they were there! If you'd like to help, please contact the parish office.
- **Information Updates always welcome** It is important to take advantage of all the means of communication that are available to the groups in the parish. Not only is there a weekly bulletin, there is now a very "user friendly" website and this triannual newsletter to help your group get the word out to all parishioners! If you want something posted on the website you have to go through the office. If you want to let others know of your upcoming events or share the success of a recent event, contact **Cyl Maljan-Herbelin**. Start taking those pictures, and updating your information for the next issue, to be distributed late May or early June.





St. Joseph Parish Council, Commission, and Ministry/Group Directory

By Council, Commission, Ministry/Group

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Children's Liturgy	Morgan Nolan	360-681-4158	
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