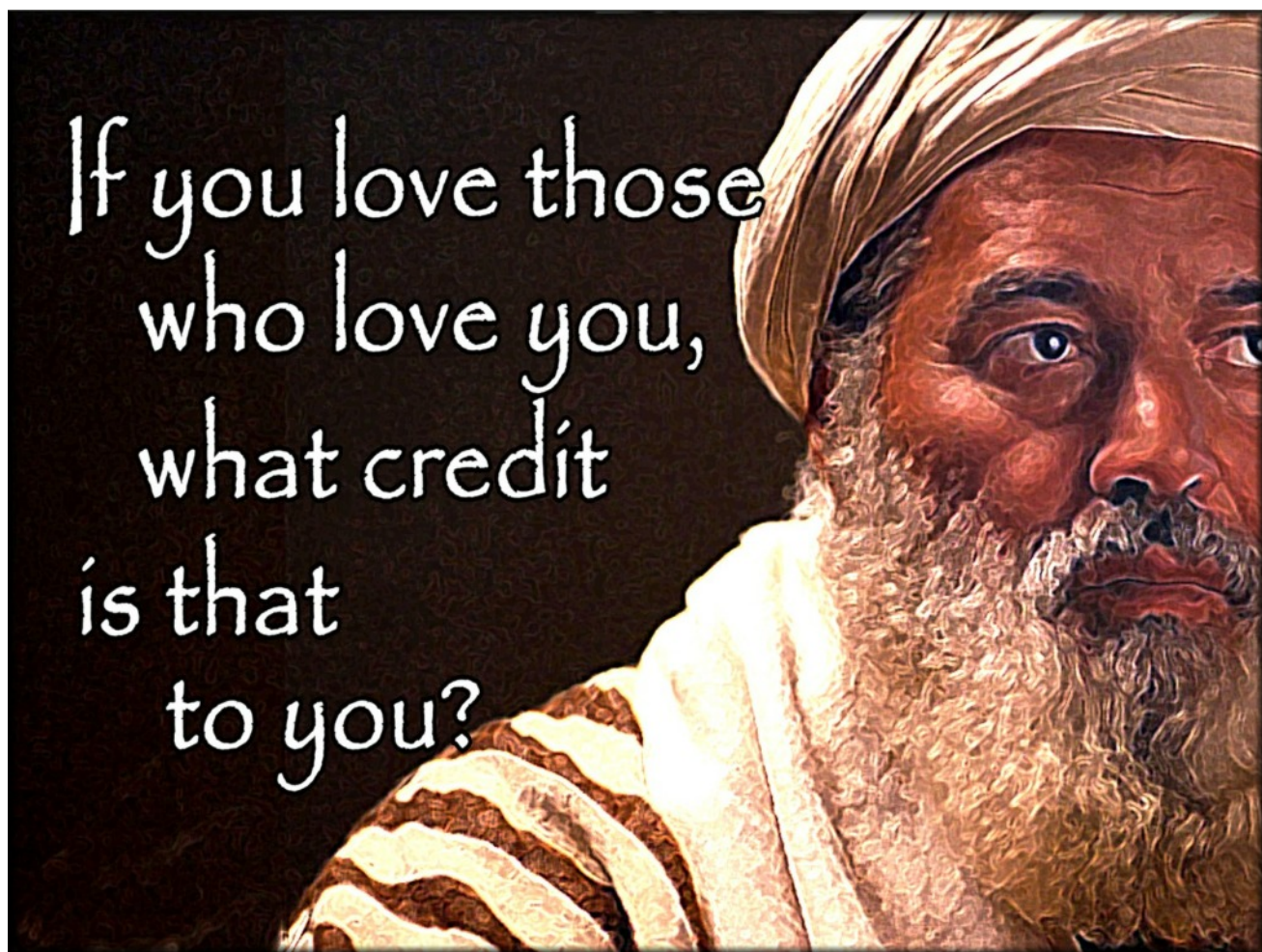




Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time February 23, 2025

Weekend Masses: Saturday (Vigil) 5:00 PM
Sunday 8:30, 11:00 AM and 5:30 PM
Reconciliation: Wednesday 7:15-8:30 PM, Friday: 5:00-6:00 PM &
Saturday: 9:15-10:30 AM, or by Appointment (Call Main Office)
Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration - See pg 2

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Words from Fr. Bryan



Dear parishioners of St. Anthony and St. Stephen the Martyr,

Thank you to Betty Mencke for her almost 20 years of faithful service as office manager at St. Stephen the Martyr. Betty's faith and care in her work is evident and after prayer and discernment she has decided to retire at the end of March. We will have a staff lunch for her and please come for her blessing and reception at the 5pm mass on Saturday March 29th. We are assessing the various administrative roles currently to figure out the best model moving forward at both parishes. Thank you again Betty for your efforts on behalf of the community you call home and may the Lord richly bless you.

I am also pleased to announce that we recently hired Tim Gately, St. Anthony parishioner and school father as our new part time musician at St. Stephen the Martyr. Tim comes a great breadth of liturgical and musical experience and will partner well with Janet moving forward in liturgy and music. He has been helping with the music at St. Anthony for a number of years, so it is a wonderful way to share in our parish partnership. Welcome Tim!

At St. Anthony, we look forward to welcoming Fr. Frank from the east coast to preach the weekend of March 15/16th about our sister parish relationship with Haiti. We also continue to work with the city of Renton regarding permitting for the school turf field, pray our efforts will be fruitful.

Before you know it, we start Lent on Wednesday March 5th, please see the bulletin for the many opportunities for mass at both our parishes, thank as always to my brother priests in helping serve our two vibrant communities through the sacraments.

Your Servant in the Risen Christ,

Fr. Bryan Dolejsi, Pastor

Weekly Readings

February 23 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

February 24 Monday of the Seventh Week in Ordinary Time
Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29

February 25 Tuesday of the Seventh Week in Ordinary Time
Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37

February 26 Wednesday of the Seventh Week in Ordinary Time
Sir 4:11-19; Ps 119:165, 168, 171-172, 174-175; Mk 9:38-40

February 27 Thursday of the Seventh Week in Ordinary Time
Sir 5:1-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mk 9:41-50

February 28 Friday of the Seventh Week in Ordinary Time
Sir 6:5-17; Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35; Mk 10:1-12

March 1 Saturday of the Seventh Week in Ordinary Time
Sir 17:1-15; Ps 103:13-18; Mk 10:13-16

March 2 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sir 27:4-7; Ps 92:2-3, 13-16; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

Parish Calendar

Sunday February 23

8:30 am - 9:30

Mass (Fr. Chanda)

11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Mass (Fr. Chanda)

5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Mass (Fr. Hayatsu)

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Apologetics Meeting

Monday February 24

9:00 am - 10:00 am

Darling Dusters

10:00 am - 11:45 am

Food Pantry (drive by only)

3:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Divine Mercy Chaplet

6:00 pm - 6:00 pm

St. Vincent de Paul Family Meetings

5:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Evening Prayer

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting

6:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Mass (Fr. Dolejsi)

Tuesday February 25

9:15 am - 11:30 am

Scripture Study

3:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Divine Mercy Chaplet

5:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Evening Prayer

5:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Terrific Tuesday Dinner

6:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Mass (Fr. Chanda)

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Scripture Study

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

OCIA Class

Wednesday February 26

10:00 am - 10:45 am

Rosary Group

3:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Divine Mercy Chaplet

4:00 pm - 5:45 pm

Food Pantry (drive by only)

4:30 pm - 6:00

Finance Council Meeting

5:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Evening Prayer

6:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Mass (Fr. Chanda)

7:15 pm - 7:45 pm

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena

7:15 pm - 8:30 pm

Adoration & Reconciliation

7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Young Adult Group Meeting

Thursday February 27

8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Campus Crew

3:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Divine Mercy Chaplet

5:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Evening Prayer

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Encounter School of Ministry Class

6:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Mass (Fr. Chanda)

7:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Precious Blood of Jesus Devotion

Friday February 28

6:30 am - 7:30 am

Men's Prayer/Reflection (Doors open at 6:15)

10:00 am - 11:45 am

Food Pantry (Drive by only)

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Our Lady of Rosary Makers Meeting

3:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Divine Mercy Chaplet

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Evening Prayer

6:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Mass (Fr. Hayatsu)

Saturday March 1

7:30 am - 8:30 am

Exodus 90

8:30 am - 9:00 am

Mass (Fr. Marlo)

9:00 am - 1:30 pm

Baptism Preparation Class

9:15 am - 10:30 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

3:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Divine Mercy Chaplet

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Vigil Mass (Fr. Dolejsi)

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Knights of Columbus Faith in Action Dinner



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Watch the New Video 'The Archdiocese of Seattle: A BRIEF HISTORY'

Watch and share this inspirational new video, created especially for the Archdiocese of Seattle's 175th anniversary, which covers the history of the archdiocese from its founding in 1850 to present day. This beautiful and impactful video covers the milestones, visionary leadership, change and resilience that are part of our archdiocese's great legacy of faith. As we journey together through Partners in the Gospel, watching and sharing this video is a great way to reflect upon how change has been central to our archdiocese and gives us hope for the future. Go to <https://vimeo.com/1050898649>

Adoration Invitation - At St. Stephens we enjoy

Perpetual Adoration of Jesus in the chapel/church. That means Jesus is exposed in the Monstrance 24 hours 7 days (except during scheduled Masses). At this time we find ourselves with open hours needing to be filled by committed adorers. Is Jesus calling you to Come and Adore Him? Please go to the Adoration sign up table in the narthex and find up-to-date information on what hours are available and/or need to be filled or visit <https://ststephenslife.com/eucharistic-adoration> or contact coordinator Bernie 206-427-6085 or Tina 206-715-8462.



Thank you to Darlene Simpson,

Outreach Minister at St. Stephen the Martyr! For nearly 20 years she has faithfully lived the Gospel through caring for those most in need in our parish and in the local community. Darlene is retiring at the end of January. **If you would like to thank Darlene for her many years of**

faithful ministry, visit <https://www.kudoboard.com/boards/czaEQNNj>

Weekly Collections	Feb 3, - Feb 9, 2025	Jan 27, - Feb 2, 2025	FY To date July 1 2024-January 31, 2025
Collections-actual	17,047	17,030	600,645
Collections-Budget	13,039	27,033	681,252
Variance	4,008	(10,003)	(80,607)
*EFT-Actual	8,449	9,658	274,383
*EFT-Budget	10,527	12,860	300,994
Variance	(2,078)	(3,202)	(26,611)
Total Collections Variance	1,930	(13,205)	(107,218)

Outreach Collections			
Outreach Assistance	382	928	17,947
Food Pantry	1,345	1,985	30,991

New Fiscal Year began 7/01/2024

*EFT= Electronic Funds Transfer (Online Collections)



Food Pantry Needs - Thank you!

Canned vegetables, Oatmeal Packets
Canned Soup, Mac & Cheese
Size 4, 5, and 6 Diapers and fragrance-free wipes for the Gabriel Project.

Faith Formation Programs

Faith Formation This is for children and teens through 12th Grade, as well as Adult Scripture Study. Check out your areas right away, as things are happening fast! If you have questions, we're happy to help. Join us, build community, and grow in our Lord!



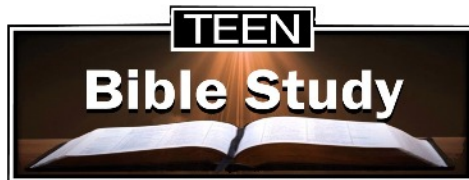
Children/Family Classes and Activities: Wednesday Nights (some Friday night activities)

For Registration Please Visit <https://ststephenslife.com/fall-2024-registration-children-and-teens>



Baptism Classes In-person classes to prepare for Infant Baptism are now available. Pre-registration is required to attend. Class size will be limited, and you must have proof of pre-registration to be admitted. Please, only 2 parents, baby, 2 godparents (5 total) per family. Pre-register by calling (253) 480-7106 or emailing Ellen Golden at egolden@ststephenslife.com.

Youth Conference Registration Open - Registration for the Steubenville NW Conference (July 11-13) in Spokane is now open! This three-day summer event is a great opportunity for teens to connect with other faithful youths from around the region. The Conference is available to high schoolers, including teens entering high school this coming fall and seniors who will graduate this year. It will take place at the Davenport Grand Hotel in downtown Spokane (where we have stayed in years passed). The total cost of the event is \$375 (inclusive of ticket, lodging, and transportation). A \$200 down-payment is required upon completing the registration form. (Scholarships are also available, just ask me for more details). To register, please fill out the following form:



Teen Bible Study

Our new Teen Bible Study in the youth office, which happen every Tuesday night from 6:00-7:00pm. Drop in anytime to join the fun!



The **Gabriel-PREPARES** team at St. Stephen needs two very important gifts: 1. larger size Diapers and Pullups and 2. Your volunteer time. Leave diapers, pull-ups and wipes by the Food Pantry baskets in the Narthex. Our team of 8 currently assists & mentors 10 families with a total of 38 children, including several newborns and two pregnant Moms. We are in need of more trained and CCS approved volunteers, including couples as we receive new requests weekly. Our next monthly meetings will be 26 FEB and 26 MAR, Wednesday 7:15pm to 8:45pm in the Outreach dining room by the side door. Contact RobertaJorgensen@comcast.net or Kathleen Tansey at 253-653-6074. To learn more, go to www.preparesforlife.org.



Pilgrimage to Fatima! - Join Fr. Mark Kiszelewski, pastor of St. Cecilia and Kathleen Tansey, experienced group travel advisor from St. Stephen on a 13 day Pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes with Avila, Loyola, Barcelona and more in October 2025. To learn more go to: travel.nativitypilgrimage.com/kiszelewski or contact Kathleen at 253-653-6074 or Kathleen@travelcenter4u.com



St Vincent De Paul

February 23: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary time In today's Gospel Jesus gives us the challenge to: "Love your enemies... Give to everyone who asks of you... Do to others as you would have them do to you... Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful."

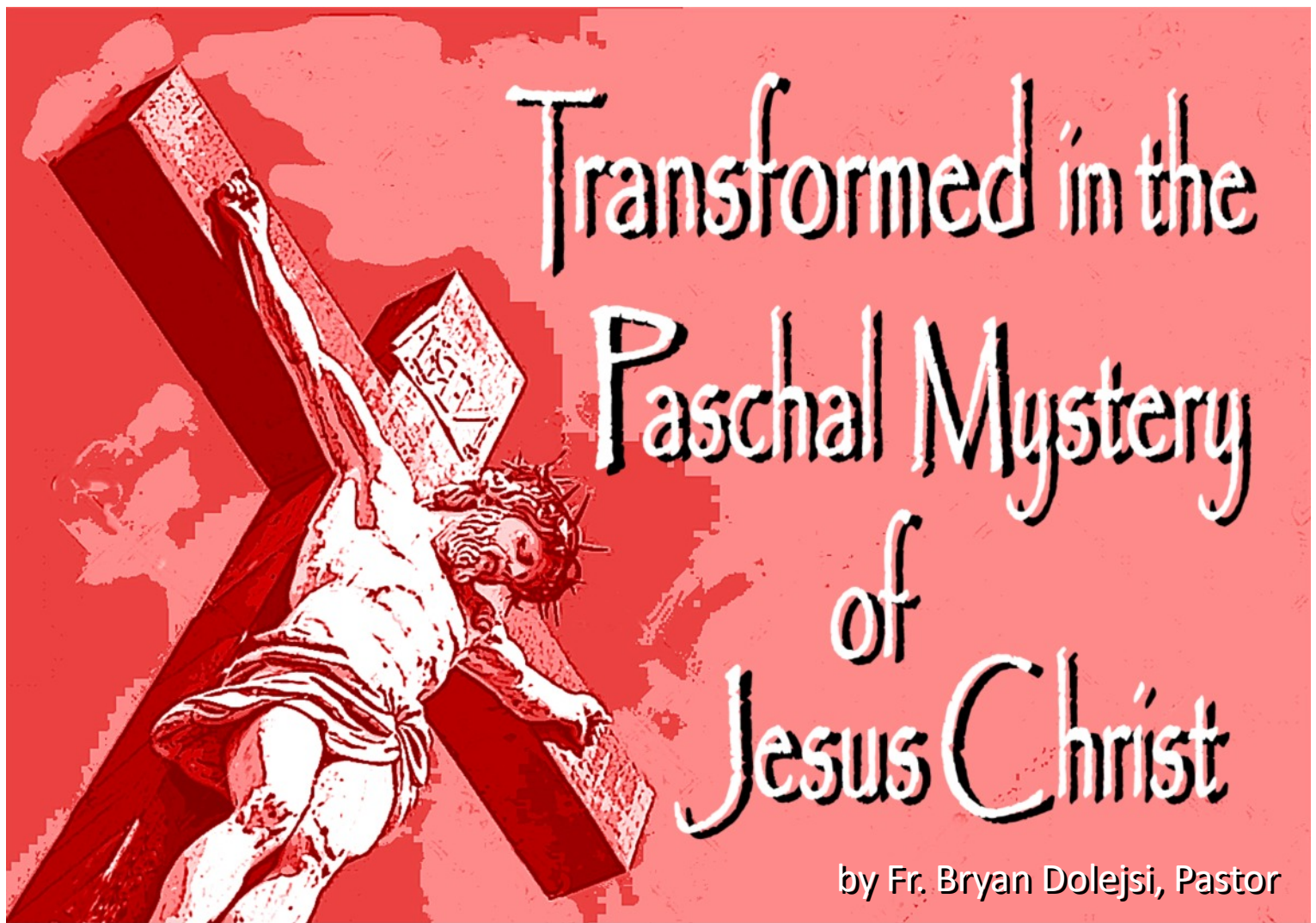
Girlfriends

Please join the Girlfriends Lit and Latte Group. All women (age 18+) are invited! New members are welcome! The Lit & Lattes group is meeting on Tuesday, March 11 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss A Prayer for Owen Meany by John Irving We will be meeting in Classroom #130 and have a Zoom option. Please RSVP to Vicki Kennerud at vkennerud@comcast.net or to request Zoom link



Kindergarten Tour Day at St Anthony School

Join us on Friday, February 28th at 9:00 am! Come explore our kindergarten program. Tour our campus, meet our dedicated teachers, aids, and administrators, and see firsthand how we nurture growth, learning, and faith. To RSVP click the image above.



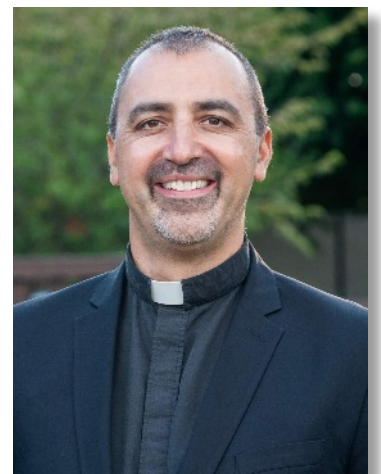
Come for this Lenten retreat talk presented by our Pastor, Fr. Bryan Dolejsi on March 1 at St. Anthony and again (the same talk) on March 12 at St. Stephens. Each will immediately follow Mass.

Each of us is baptized into the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. This talk draws upon our rich spiritual tradition of Scripture, saints and modern day examples to lay out a plan to use the disciplines of Lent to help transform us more and more into a disciple of the Risen Christ.

St. Anthony - March 1, from 8:45 am to 10:15 am.

St. Stephen the Martyr - March 12 from 7:15-9:00 pm

(this talk will be live-streamed at <https://ststephenslife.com/holy-mass-live-stream>).



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Fundraising Dinner



Saturday, March 1st
Following 5 PM Mass - Social Hall

Supports: Knights of Columbus Global Wheelchair Mission, Coats for Kids, and The Sound Generation Meals on Wheels. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Cost: \$25 Each for Adults (Cash or Credit). Children 12 and under are free!

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Parish Information

New to St. Stephen's? Welcome! Learn more about our vibrant community by visiting our web site at www.ststephenslife.com. Registration forms are online or may be obtained from the ushers and put in the collection basket or mailed in. **Bulletin Notices:** The **content deadline is 12:00 PM on the Friday** a week before the weekend you wish it to appear (8 days in advance). Notices about parish events or items of interest to the parish are welcome, however posting cannot be guaranteed. Email notices to: ourbulletin@gmail.com.

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Marriage: Couples seeking Marriage must contact the church 9 months before their wedding date. Some preparation and Parish Registration are required before a date can be set. Contact See contact information above to reach a Staff person for Marriage or Baptism.

Annulments: (for those who are civilly divorced). For compassionate and confidential answers to your questions, please contact our Pastoral Associate, Anne Merklin, 253-480-7108 (ext. 126), AMerklin@ststephenslife.com.

Baptism: Preparation and Parish Registration are required for both Parents and Godparents/Sponsors. Baptisms are held monthly. Contact the Faith Formation Office for details (253-631-6175).

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) For adults desiring to become Catholic, including those needing baptism. Contact Anne Merklin 253-631-1940 ext 126. sstmassociate@gmail.com

Praying For Sick

Erlinda David, Canlas Ingraham, Angel M. Piol, Jeff Tobin, Estrellita & Patrick Staeheli, Frank Ratajczyk, Cincy Lagmay, Delia Dela Cruz Piol
Please note we are revising the list of those who are ill and in need of prayers. Names will be posted for 3 weeks unless we receive further notification.
If you or a loved one would like to be included in the bulletin listing please contact Betty Mencke at 253-631-1940.

Recent Deaths

Conrado Redila, Peter Olson, Charito Rubis Galindo, Buddy Day, Mike Romero,
Names will be posted for 3 months.

Serving in the Military

Captain Philip Clay, LT Luke Carpenter (deployed), Zenaida Roth, Joey Buslon Poland,
Specialist, Anthony Vogeler, Fort Carson, Colorado.

To add names to the box, please email ourbulletin@gmail.com, or contact Betty Mencke, 253-631-1940.

To contact the Prayer Chain, please see Teresa Wright, at 425-255 0301 or teresa2pray@gmail.com



Rachel's Corner: Hope and Healing After Abortion The Lord sets prisoners free; the Lord gives sight to the blind. The Lord raises up those who are bowed down. - Psalm 146: 7-8. When thoughts come to your mind regarding the day you were involved in an abortion decision, do they make you feel blind to hope, entrapped in regret and burdened with shame? Call for a compassionate, confidential conversation, and be free again. **Registering now for our Virtual Healing Series.** English: (206) 920-6413 / Español: (206)-450-7814

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