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May 26, 2019

Sixth Sunday of Easter



The Elements of Discipleship



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Sunday 9AM — 1PM

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NORMAL MASS TIMES:

(Weekday Mass times often change - Check schedule on page 2)

Downtown:

1055 Boundary St. SE

Monday-Thursday: 12NOON, Friday & Saturday: 9AM

3rd Tuesday: 7PM (Spanish)

Saturday: 5PM

Sunday: 7:30AM, 9:30AM, 11:30AM & 5PM

Westside Chapel:

1835 Overhulse Rd. NW

Thursday: 6:30AM (1ST and 3rd Thursday)

Sunday: 8:30AM & 10:30AM 2nd Sunday: 1:30PM (Vietnamese)

RECONCILIATION TIMES (Downtown):

Thursday: 11AM | Saturday: 9:45AM & 3PM

PASTOR:

Fr. Jim Lee

PAROCHIAL VICAR:

Fr. Lou Cunningham

DEACONS:

Rob Rensel John Bergford

MISSION

Our mission is to place God first in all things, to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and to grow in holiness through prayer, sacraments, and service.

STEWARDSHIP of treasure

Pastoral Year 2018-2019 Donations Received as of May 19, 2019

\$25,677
\$21,139
\$1,468
\$0
\$84
\$48,367
\$2,954,288

NOTE: Starting in July, we will no longer be sending offertory envelopes to parishioners who are using our Online Giving program. If you are an Online Giver and still wish to receive envelopes, please contact Mona in the parish office at (360) 292-7141 or mbishop@saintmichaelparish.org.

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to get a direct link.

Text SMPGIVE to 77977 for simple electronic giving.



APP FEATURES

App Highlight of the Week: Serve

Review all the different ministry opportunities at SMP right from the app. Just tap the **Serve** tab from the home screen and check out all the ways to serve your Church and others!

Download our Parish App

Just visit our website, scroll down a bit, and click the link for either iOS or Android. It's that easy!

MASSschedule & intentions

PRAYERlist

5.27 M	ONDAY			Jamie & Thomas Julie Malloy Jeanette Nielsen	Eric McDonald James Hollaway Richard
9ам	Michael Kennedy		St. Joseph Chapel	Megan Kathleen Brennan Debbie	Mason Nancy Cosgrove
5.28 TU	JESDAY			Chi & Lan Nguyen Janet Norbert	Linda Cosgrove Mark Majors
12Noon	Dorothy Hillier		St. Joseph Chapel	Michael Heelan Mike Dahl	Maryanna Morris Sannon Eileen Brennan
5.29 WE	EDNESDAY			Marguerite Gibbs Jess Michael	Allison O'Hagaen Brennan Teresa Zyski
12Noon	Beatrice Byland	the state of the s	St. Joseph Chapel	Lisa San Miguel Chelsea Lopez	Peggy Bowles Shirley Holdener
5.30 TH	URSDAY (11AM Reconciliatio	n)		Sotero Soto Bettie Linnenbrink	Cor & Pat Dehart John Luiz
12Noon	Ascension of Jesus		Downtown Church	Shiny Norbert Chuck Hughes	Theresa Ragan Patti Leininger
5.31 FR	IDAY			Ashwin Mathew Tami Grant Glee Gile	Tammie Ensign & family Lance Burns Marie Waldecker
9ам	Delores Marie Berghoff		Downtown Church	Pete Castaneda	Teresa LaBouff & Family
6.1 SAT	URDAY (9:45AM & 3PM Reco	onci	iliation)	Elizabeth H. Filiberto Chavez Tim G.	Jerry Foy Conlon McKay Andrew Senko
9ам	Pat Bryant	t	St. Joseph Chapel	Rodriguez family Rosanne Burns	Joshua Roberts David Rees
5РМ	Jay Greene	÷	Downtown Church	George Michael	Mary Mandevill
6.2 SUNDAY				Stephanie & Shawn Ted Golson Emily-Paige McClucas	Ed Stevens Mary Claudia Kress Melissa
7:30ам	Teresa Philippillain	÷	Downtown Church	Brenna Young	Joy
8:30am	Dida Neri	t t	Westside Chapel	Joann Mesojednik Homer Dennison	Ann Shaw Roy Proctor
9:30ам	Lucille LaPalm	the state of the s	Downtown Church	Momoko Wolf Steph	Trish Gosciewski Maria
10:30ам	Mary Anderson	t t	Westside Chapel	Kaylee David Snavely	Antoinette Kardel
11:30ам	Sotero Sota	t	Downtown Church	Wyatt Borngesser Lloyd Patrick family	Jan Putnam Dawn Rathbun
5РМ	People of Saint Michael Paris	ople of Saint Michael Parish Downtown Church Mary Fairhurst Mary Currall & Currall family Christine Carney Stoddard Jacqueline Montgomery Ray Nikula Beverly Heggie Steph			

To submit prayer requests, call the parish office or submit your request via our website. If you or someone you know is homebound and wishes to receive Holy Communion, please call Benedetta Reece at (360) 292-7143 or Dcn. Terry Barber at Sacred Heart Parish at (360) 491-0890.

PASTOR'S NOTEBOOK

A God-Sized Dream for Saint Michael Parish

Last week Andrew Goldstein (Steward for Music), Andrew Casad (Steward for Christian Initiation and Matrimony), and Father Jim had the immense privilege of participating as delegates to the Alpha Global Gathering and Leadership Conference in London. Over five days full of worship and formation they joined together with 8,000 Christians from around the world at the Royal Albert Hall to experience an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Four years ago Father Jim attended this same conference which, together with the efforts of Divine Renovation and Amazing Parish, inspired much of our Vision 2026 and our commitment to focus on the elements of discipleship: Grow, Worship, Serve, Give, Connect, and Share.

So, why did you go to London?"

We thought we were going to get concrete answers on how to better amplify these six elements of discipleship, especially looking to glean best-practices for Alpha and sharing our Catholic faith. While God certainly delivered on this hope and we are indeed coming back with plenty of fresh ideas and a renewed passion for Vision 2026, the greater gift we received was actually...a question!

That question is:



"What is a Godsized vision for Saint Michael Parish?" In other words, "What is that plan God has which we can

accomplish only if we partner with him to bring about his purpose?" We were reminded of an image shared by Fr. Cantalamessa, preacher to the Papal Household, who, looking on the modern world and hearing the Parable of the

Lost Sheep (Luke 15), suggests that we in the Church are the one sheep and those who are away are the ninety-nine. So how will we reach the ninety-nine to whom Christ was sent and for whom he laid down his life? How will we orient everything we do at Saint Michael Parish to gain for Christ those who are not yet part of his flock?

Through our Vision 2026 we are called to be disciples who "Share." We are all invited to envision a parish that encompasses not just the church campuses and our current members but rather sees our parish as the entirety of Thurston County to whom we are sent as Christ to make known the love of God. The God-sized dream for Saint Michael Parish is that we look outward, that we are imbued with a thoroughly invitational culture, so that each of us might take up the task of being missionary disciples. Followers of Jesus, yes, but also missionaries sent forth to alorify God in our workplaces, schools, and homes where we will tell others of Jesus Christ and invite our friends and neighbors to come and see, to come and experience with us the transformative love of God.

So the question remains: Why did we have to go to London to envision this?

You may be familiar with Alpha as a tool to share who Jesus is and to awaken the life of faith, but Alpha is also, at its core, invitational and thus is also a tool to form Christian communities to be invitational. Alpha has been instrumental for hundreds of thousands of people throughout the world who have come to faith in Christ and in turn have shared their faith with others. The countless stories of conversion we witnessed at this Global Gathering were only a sampling of the profound work God is doing through a renewed focus on evangelization, a God-sized dream that is bringing Christians together in unity

so that the world may believe (John 17). Moreover, we were blessed to understand that simply running Alpha doesn't make us an invitational church. There is a much greater "Alpha culture" that was embraced through and through by the church that founded Alpha, Holy Trinity Brompton (or as they affectionately call it, HTB). As we continue to unpack all that we witnessed during this week at HTB and the Royal Albert Hall we are beginning to understand the immense opportunity we have to reach "the ninety-nine" of Thurston County—those from whom the world has turned away and who are searching for meaning, for purpose, for belonging.

Over the coming months we want to invite you to dream together with us, your staff, and other parish leaders on how we can do everything we do at Saint Michael Parish to reach the ninety-nine, to magnify our invitational culture. But today, we simply ask you to dwell in the Holy Spirit with us, and ask yourself: what is your God-sized vision? What are you dreaming up that only God can help you accomplish?

Come Holy Spirit, come.

Check out the v(ideo)blog our delegates to the Alpha Global Gathering prepared each day of their time in London:



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Ordinations to the PRIESTHOOD

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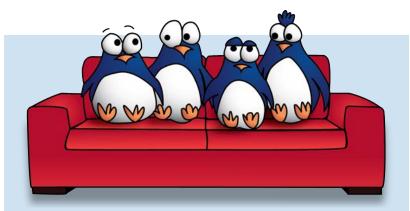
EUCHARIST

On the road to Emmaus, Jesus makes himself known to the two disciples "in the breaking of the bread" (Luke 24:35). When the two share their story with the others, they emphasize this detail, proclaiming the Risen and Eucharistic Lord. Do we make it a priority to help others know Jesus in the Eucharist? FORMED has a wealth of resources on the real presence to help you do just that. Check them out at formed. saintmichaelparish.org

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THANKS FOR A GREAT CELEBRATION!!

We had a wonderful gathering of over 200 people at our potluck last weekend! What a blessing to celebrate Fr. Jim's 44th anniversary of ordination with him!

Many Small Groups are open year round and are open to receiving new members. To sign up for a group at any time, contact Michaela Moreau at (360) 292-7104 or smp.smallgroups@gmail.com.

SMPhighlights JUNE 2019

June

Saturday

Strengthfinders Alumni Reunion-For all who have completed a StrengthsFinder assessment 10am-12Noon in the Parish Center Multipurpose Room

Please plan to join us as we reflect on our own Strengths journey, review our process of discovery and understanding, and refine our plans for the future. RSVP needed by Monday, May 27 to tupperholly@gmail.com or leave a message at (360) 491-2531.

June

Wednesday

Safe Environment Workshop-6-9PM in the Parish Center

Register online at www.virtusonline.org and click First-Time Registrant. For volunteers who have already registered in Virtus, please log in to your account to sign up for the class. For more information or for assistance creating a Virtus account, please call Mona at (360) 292-7141 or mbishop@ saintmichaelparish.org

Holy Hour for Priests, 5:30-6:30pm in the St. Joseph Chapel.

If you are unable to come, please join us in praying the rosary from your residence between 5:30 and 6:30pm.

Mass of Reception for Archbishop Etienne-2PM at St. James Cathedral, 804 9 th Avenue, Seattle

Archbishop J. Peter Sartain invites the people of the Archdiocese to join in this special celebration to receive Archbishop Paul D. Etienne as Coadjutor Archbishop of Seattle. A public reception will follow at O'Dea High School, located on the east side of the Cathedral. All are welcome!

WE ARE GOD'S PEOPLE

MASS for INCLUSION

celebrating the gifts of persons living with limitations



9 am | June 30, 2019

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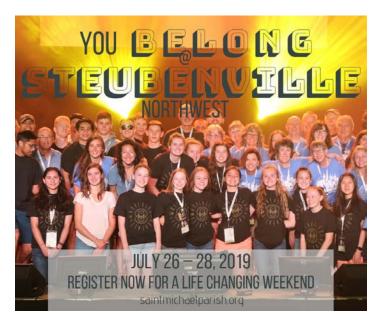
Newcomers Orientation

Immediately following the 9:30AM Mass. Meet your hosts by the baptismal font for a tour of the church and a meet in greet with the pastor. Donuts and coffee provided, of course!

June

St. Paul Street Evangelization Community BBQ

4-7РМ in the SMP lower parking lot. Join your neighbors from Plum Street Village, neighboring houses and businesses, and others from the community in this outreach event.





CIFE TEEN Leading Teens Closer to Christ

HIGH SCHOOLERS:

May 26: No Life Teen

June 2: *Bon Voyage*. This will be a night of reflection and fun as we look back on the year and the things God has done. And, we'll send our seniors off to their next chapter!

Contact: Abre Peters at (360) 292-7106 or apeters@saint-michaelparish.org



MIDDLE SCHOOLERS:

May 26: No EDGE

June 2: CELEBRATE! Goodbye 8th graders—hello 5th graders! Come join us as we celebrate the new beginnings for the 8th graders as we send them to Life Teen! We will also welcome the 5th graders into EDGE and celebrate the end of the EDGE year!

Contact: Anna Swanson at (360) 292-7137 or aswanson@saintmichaelparish.org

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:

Monday, June 24 - Friday, June 28

9AM–12:30PM daily. This year we will take you on an amazing God-filled African Safari with new adventures every day. **Registration is open—just visit our website and scroll down to the VBS post**.

Contact Hannah Hach at (360) 292-7114.

CGS/ATRIUM OPEN HOUSE

This Sunday, May 26 after 9:30AM, 11:30AM, and 5PM Masses in Gathering Space Rooms 1, 2, & 3

Please "come and see" the sacred Atrium spaces that offer a retreat-like faith formation setting for children ages 3–12.

Find out more about how adults can experience this method June 24 through June 29 and later in the summer. Learn how you can be part of a hands-on ministry that will transform your relationship with God!

For more information contact Mary Trotter at (360) 292-7117 or mtrotter@saintmichaelparish.org.

BAPTISM CLASSES CANCELED

The Baptism preparation classes scheduled for May 30 and June 6 are cancelled. Contact Elizabeth Lyons for more information at (360) 292-7119 or elyons@saintmichaelparish.org.

BIBLE STUDY FACILITATORS

"It is written, 'Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Matthew 4:4

SMP is currently seeking Bible Study facilitators for the Fall of 2019. What does it take to lead a Bible Study?

- A desire to share God's Word with others
- · Comfortable/skilled in leading a small group in discussion
- A hospitable and welcoming spirit
- · A short term commitment to lead

Training, facilities and all resource materials will be provided. Your commitment can be from 10 to 25 sessions in length based on the study. Dates and times to offer studies are flexible. An initial facilitator meeting will be held in August and groups begin to meet in September.

Please contact Ann Ashe aashe@saintmichaelparish.org / 360-292-7112.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Lesson 7: Retirement Planning

May 30, 7-9PM in Parish Center Room 7

"Goals are dreams with work boots on" Dave Ramsey

How is it possible to be a good steward of your budget; charitable donations; and save to be able to retire comfortably? Learn how to build wealth slowly and consistently over time.

Are you considering signing up for the fall session of FPU? Not sure if this class is for you? You are welcome to stop in at the monthly FPU Alumni Gathering on the 4 th Saturday of each month in the Multipurpose Room from 10AM—NOON to experience FPU in action. (Childcare available)

FPU Alumni: If you would like a refresher, the class door is always open for a tune-up on your journey. Get current information and resources when you join us on Facebook at St. Michael Olympia Financial Peace University Alumni Group.

Email fpu@saintmichaelparish.org if you have questions.



CARRYING A HEAVY HEART?

Upcoming cycles of faith-based Support Group meetings

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Grief Support Group. Open not only to those who are grieving but to anyone who carries a heavy heart for any reason other than the loss of a loved one. Group meets on Saturday mornings from 10AM to 12PM. Next cycle of 8 consecutive weekly meetings to be scheduled

St. Peregrine Cancer Support Group is currently meeting. Cycles of 6 consecutive weekly meetings are offered regularly through the year on Saturdays 1–2:30PM.

We gather to learn about the grief process, to support one another, and to share our thoughts and feelings, sustained by our faith and enlightened by Christ.

All meetings are **free**. No need to be a parishioner or Catholic to attend. If you or someone you know would benefit from participating, or have questions, please contact Bene Reece at (360) 292-7143 or breece@saintmichaelparish.org

COOK UP SOME LOVE!

Meals for Moms presents opportunities to deliver dinner to mothers in our parish who have recently given birth. There are also occasional opportunities, using the same online process, to bring dinner to our priests at the rectory. St. Michael School families also receive an hour of community service credit for each meal delivered.

Current opportunities to help a family in need are at saintmichaelparish.org/meals-for-moms

Dear St. Michael Parishioners,

This is an incredibly busy and important month of the school year. We are wrapping up MAP testing and progressing towards end of the year assessments and projects. Also... field trips, field trips, field trips! I view this time of year as a balancing act (or is it a juggling act?) between the fun, experiential learning and the core academic work of meeting our end of the year curricular standards. I hope that our students are able to savor all the rich learning experiences of this time of year, inside and outside of the classroom, and end the year with a deep sense of engagement.

I'd like to share one new spring activity that our 7th graders have been deeply engaged in recently. Our 7th graders have joined an archdiocesan initiative to implement Maryknoll's Missionary Discipleship Institute (MDI). This project invites our 7th graders to live our Catholic Social Teachings by collaboratively researching needs in the local community and then creating a new service project that addresses a need. Our students focused on outreach to the residents of Plum Street Village for their project and students, teachers, and parent chaperones recently visited the site, met with some residents, and filled their flower beds with soil and beautiful flowers. During their service there we learned of a need for fans to help reduce the heat in the tiny houses. We then purchased fans for the residents and our Saint Houses delivered them just in time for the summer heat. Our 7th graders will soon be meeting with other Catholic schools to reflect on their project and learn about how other 7th grade classes have put their faith into action.

Thank you for your generosity at our S.M.A.R.T. "Let the Good Times Roll" Gala! Through your stewardship, our community contributed \$106,000 in support of our tuition assistance endowment, capital improvements, and our fund-a-need project-THANK YOU! Very special thanks goes to our chairs, Sandra and Brent Quebedeaux, and co-chairs, Joanne and Philip Kerrigan, and to all the roles you played in assisting our students through your participation at the gala! I am especially thankful for your generosity towards our fund-a-need project, which will enable us to build a new playground with a wider variety of play experiences for our children and send our playground down to Juarez, Mexico for the children of the Holy Spirit Center. While we did not meet our funda-need goal at the gala, I am hopeful that we can still fund this important project. Our parish has designated the joint playground project as a recipient of our Annual Catholic Appeal rebate if we reach our stretch goal, which we should know by mid-June. I am also working with the playstructure distributor to make some adjustments to the design to help reduce the cost. Please pray that this project can remain on schedule for completion this summer and thank you for all your support of your parish school!

Connor Geraghty, Principal

2018/2019 MEN'S SHELTER REPORT

The shelter season ran from November 12, 2018 to March 28, 2019. With the help of *Sidewalk*, we were able host 15 homeless men each night.

	Shelter Nights	Bed Capacity	Beds Occupied	Occupied %
Nov-18	12	180	149	82.77%
Dec-18	17	255	238	93.33%
Jan-19	19	285	244	85.61%
Feb-19	16	240	213	88.75%
Mar-19	16	240	185	77.08
Totals	80	1,200	1,029	85.75%

PASTORAL CARE/COMMUNITY OUTREACH MONTHLY UPDATES

Enter to worship, go forth to serve:

The Parish is the place where we come to meet with God, but not with Him alone. Through Pastoral Care and Community Outreach ministries, we reach out to members of our extended community who are homebound or in need of assistance.

Here is how we were able to assist those in need during the last months, thanks to your immense generosity:

We donated:

\$2.210.00 to the Food Bank

- Over \$6,000 to Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl Program (75% supports humanitarian aid projects overseas, and 25% will fund hunger and poverty alleviation programs in our local communities)
- \$4,925.39 to Catholic Relief Services Collection (supports six international Catholic organizations, and helps bring community-based classrooms in Afghanistan)
- \$1,600 to Project Rachel and \$2,000 to Thurston County Jail in grants

We continue bringing the Eucharist to about 100 homebound members of our faith community weekly.

We continue reaching out to inmates, bringing the Eucharist and spiritual support on a weekly basis

AND ANOTHER ANGEL CAN STORY

God's goodness is proclaimed as Saint Michael Kinders build a playground can by can. One little boy, who attends a local public school, heard about the can drive and took it upon himself to gather cans from neighbors.

He gleefully set a full bag in front of Mrs. Matthews' (SMS Kindergarten teacher) front door. He rang the bell and hid within distance of seeing Mrs. Mathews joyfully discover the bag and wonder aloud who might have left the gift of cans.

This happy ritual continued for several weeks, until the child could no longer contain his enthusiasm. He divulged his identity and asked Mrs. Mathew's to tell him more about the children in Mexico and the hoped-for playground. His generous little heart received the good news of God's love being shared from children to children.

Be an angel. Join the St. Michael School Kindergartners in collecting **aluminum** cans. The children are helping build a playground for their friends at the Holy Spirit Center in Juarez by collecting and recycling aluminum cans.

Perhaps you will be serving beverages in aluminum cans at your next gathering. Be an angel—SAVE those cans! Bring your bagged cans to the St. Michael School Kindergarten or help fill a pick-up truck with cans on June 9 in the church parking lot after all Masses!

"ITE MISSA EST"

After the final blessing at Mass, the dismissal gives the liturgy its name. The word "Mass" comes from the Latin word, *Missa*.

At one time, the people were dismissed with the words, "Ite, missa est" (literally meaning "Go, she—meaning you, the Church—has been sent"). The word Missa is related to the word missio, the root of the English word "mission." The liturgy does not simply come to an end. Those assembled are sent forth to bring the fruits of the Eucharist to the world.

SHARE YOUR FAITH

"Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope, but do it with gentleness and reverence" (1 Peter 3:15-16).

At the end of every Mass the priest sends you out, "Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord!" This week ask the Holy Spirit to help you to share with a friend or coworker how your faith in Jesus Christ has changed your life.

If your friend or coworker wants to learn more about our Christian faith and discern whether God is calling him or her to the Catholic Church please contact Andrew Casad, Steward for Christian Initiation, at (360) 292-7127 or acasad@saintmichaelparish.org

AROUND THE SOUND & BEYOND

Pilgrimage to Fatima, Lourdes, Spain & Poland Join Yelm's Fr. Dean Mbuzi on a spiritual journey

October 3-18

Beginning in Lisbon, Portugal, travel to Fatima, Santiago de Compostela, Lourdes, Barcelona, Warsaw, Krakow, and other holy sites. \$4,249 includes accommodations, meals, entrance fees, motor coaches and guides.

Interested? Contact Anne Rogel at (253) 905-1357.

Rachel's Corner

"You are loved with an everlasting love."

"A single act of love can make a soul return to life." -St. Maximilian Kolbe

It takes courage to reach out for help when one is hurting from a past abortion. Find compassion, forgiveness, and a path to peace. We are here for you and already keeping you close in our prayers.

For a compassionate, confidential conversation, call (206) 920-6413 or visit www.ccsww.org/projectrachel.

Rachel's Vineyard™ is a program of Catholic Community Services

3rd Annual Catholic Immigration Summit Sharing the Journey

Saturday, June 8 | 8:30AM registration 9AM-3PM program | 3-4PM Mass with Bishop Elizondo

St. Catherine of Siena Parish 814 NE 85th Street, Seattle 98115

FREE event! Hear about and reflect on the current immigration situations, both nationally and locally. Opportunities to learn, network and develop personal and communal commitments. Lunch, refreshments and parking are provided at this free event. Registration required online at https://bit.ly/305pnVI.

Contact Brandon Jones at (360) 292-7108 for carpool and other information.

Holy Theophany Monastery Pilgrimage and Cleanup Day

Cleanup Day: June 8, 8AM-?

We depend on the help of our friends and neighbors for the spring-cleaning of our monastery grounds.

Help is needed—both inside and out. Bring your favorite tools as there is plenty of brush cutting and clearing, planting, mowing, window washing, painting, cleaning, etc. to be done. We'll provide lunch. Just put on them work togs and join us—we sure could use your help!

If possible, please let us know ahead that you are coming so that we can prepare enough lunch.

Monastery Pilgrimage in honor of Our Lady of the Life-Giving Fountain: June 21–23

Beginning on Friday evening, June 21, and concluding with the Sunday Divine Liturgy, June 23, our annual pilgrimage in honor of the Blessed Mother of God the Life-Giving Fountain is open to all.

This year's pilgrimage keynote speaker is the Rt. Rev. Joseph Stanichar. The weekend includes Confession, Litrugy of the Hours, workshops for children age 5-10 and other activities.

For questions on any monastery activities, contact the monastery at (360) 491-8233 or htheophany@earthlink.net.

Cornerstone Catholic Conference Mark your calendars!

October 18 and 19, 2019.

Join us at the Greater Tacoma Convention Center for inspiring speakers, helpful workshops, and many opportunities to grow in fellowship with Catholics from across the state of Washington. This year's speakers include Bp. Frank J. Caggiano of Bridgeport, CT; Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT; and Sr. Norma Pimentel, MJ, Executive Director of Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley, Diocese of Brownsville, TX

The Cornerstone Conference is sponsored by the Washington State Catholic Conference (WSCC), the common voice for the Catholic Bishops of Washington State. The Cornerstone Catholic Conference strives to inspire and inform Catholics and others to continue working together to protect human life: the unborn, individuals who live in poverty or on the margins of society, and people at the end of life.