

NORTHWEST CORNER CATHOLIC

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ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

MASS OF PRIESTLY ORDINATION

WHEN: Saturday, June 6, 10AM
WHERE: St James Cathedral, Seattle

Deacon Simon Stehr will be ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Seattle, and Brother Deacon Damien-Joseph Rappuhn, OSB, will be ordained for the Benedictine community of St Martin's Abbey. With gratitude and joy, we join in prayer as these men are configured to Christ the High Priest through the laying on of hands and entrusted with the lifelong ministry of preaching, celebrating the sacraments, and shepherding God's people.

WSCC'S NEW CATHOLIC ADVOCACY MAY BULLETIN

The WSCC has released the new Catholic Advocacy Bulletin for May urging Washington Catholics to encourage their legislators to promote transparency, public access and dialogue in Olympia. Read, share, and use provided English and Spanish resources to engage legislative candidates ahead of the primary election.

READ: wacatholics.org

PARISH NEWS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

APRIL GIVING SUMMARY

Combined giving summary for our parish family through the month of April.

PARISH	24-25 YTD	25-26 YTD	% CHG
Assumption Bellingham	906,045.68	939,758.18	+4%
Sacred Heart Bellingham	558,671.16	566,405.63	+1%
St Joseph Ferndale	238,199.49	276,374.54	+16%
St Anne Blaine	139,701.50	138,457.43	-1%
St Joachim Lummi	50,892.58	57,125.28	+12%
St Joseph Lynden	263,883.68	257,864.33	-2%
St Peter Deming	114,035.20	105,012.93	-8%

EXTRA COLLECTIONS REMITTED

Rice Bowl	\$6,563.75
Holy Land	\$3,122.98
Priest Pension	\$425.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$395.00
NW Catholic	\$77.00

CHURCH EVENTS

ROOF RECOVERY APPEAL

Last fall we completed a necessary roof replacement to prevent further water damage and protect our parish facilities. This work was essential to avoid much larger, long-term repairs. Contributions are gratefully accepted.

RAISED: \$2,305.55

GOAL: \$73,000

For full details, read Fr. Moore's complete letter on [the St Joseph Website](#).

HELLER CONVALIDATION

WHEN: Thursday, May 21, 9AM

WHERE: St Anne

The marriage of the Hellers will be convalidated during Mass this week. All are welcome to attend this celebration.

CONFIRMATIONS

Congratulations to those who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on May 14th at the Church of the Assumption!

Benito Celaya · Heidi Cervantes · Violet Hafich

Addilyn Imhof · Kelly Imhof · Nathan James

Nayeli James · Catherine Putnam · Ariana Solomon

William Solomon · Anna Vargas

BACCALAUREATE MASS

Congratulations Class of 2026! Are you a high school graduate or do you know a graduate who would like to participate in Graduation Mass on the weekend of May 30/31st? Come to Mass the last weekend in May, wear your cap and gown and receive a Graduation Blessing from our Community as you head into Graduation Week! Please call the office or reach out to Jill Sawicki to reserve your place by May 25th!

EMAIL: Jill@stjosephferndale.org

WIN SOULS, NOT ARGUMENTS

WHEN: Friday, May 22, 6:30PM, continues for six Fridays

WHERE: Assumption School Gym

7 Weeks of useful tools to help you dialogue about your faith. Discover ways to explain your beloved Catholic faith to non-Catholic or fallen-away friends or loved ones using Scripture and reason. You don't have to avoid such conversations. Share your faith with clarity and peace. Sign up for this 7-week course designed to help you share what the Church teaches using Scripture and reason. All materials provided. Just show up!

Scripture & Tradition · Sola Scriptura · The Papacy
The Eucharist · Confession · Mary · Who is Jesus?
7 Pitfalls of Apologetics

Please bring your Controversies and Question about these topics, so we may all deepen our knowledge and faith.

LEADER: Rose Marie Norton-Nader · arosmri89@gmail.com

WOMEN'S CONNECT

WHEN: Thursday, June 4, 6:00-8:30PM

WHERE: Sacred Heart Church Hall

All women are welcome to join us at our Women's Connect Event on Thursday, June 4, 6-8:30PM at Sacred Heart Church Hall. The theme is "The Sacred Heart of Jesus" and apart from the usual food, singing prayers, a super craft and liturgy information, Father Moore will be with us to teach us about how we talk about our Catholic Faith in an ever growing hostile world.

ONLINE: womensconnect.live

BRAND NEW YOUNG PEOPLE'S SMALL GROUP

WHEN: Every Friday, starting June 5, 5-7PM

WHERE: St Joseph Disciples Den

For people 20-35. BUILD: Building Up In Living Discipleship First Night is Friday, June 5 2026 from 5-7:00PM in the Disciple Den at St Joseph's Catholic Church, Ferndale and then weekly. To register contact Carolyn and please bring a friend.

REGISTER: Carolyn · [360-220-9980](tel:360-220-9980)

TRIBUNAL ADVOCATE TRAINING AVAILABLE

SESSION 1: September 10–12

SESSION 2: November 12–14

WHERE: Archbishop Brunett Retreat Center, Palisades

When someone gets divorced, the Church is sometimes asked to investigate whether the marriage was flawed from the beginning. Tribunal Advocates help parishioners navigate this complicated and delicate process. This ministry requires a balance of technical aptitude and pastoral care.

Candidates must be adults in good standing who are patient, reliable, and committed to maintaining strict confidentiality. Participation requires attendance at both training workshops this fall. Those interested should contact Dr. Kathy Ernst to schedule an initial meeting; all candidates must receive approval from Fr. Moore.

PHONE: 253-356-5523 EMAIL: kathy@whatcomcatholic.org

SCHOOL NEWS

ASSUMPTION ALUMNI REUNION: 1950S & 1960S

WHEN: Thursday, September 17, 1–6PM

WHERE: Bellingham Golf and Country Club

Alumni who attended Assumption School during the 1950s and 1960s are invited to a reunion gathering this fall. The afternoon will feature a buffet with hors d'oeuvres, beer, and wine. An optional golf game is also available for those interested; please contact Frank Imhof for scheduling and cost details.

The cost is \$40 per person. Please mail your payment no later than August 15 to: Bob Sternhagen, 1833 Mt Baker Hwy, Bellingham, WA 98226. If you are interested in attending or have contact information for former classmates, please reach out to a committee member.

COMMITTEE: Robert Sternhagen 360-961-8746
Margie Haling 360-201-5076 · Pat Ferry 360-961-1313
Frank Imhof 360-201-7300 · Candice Deger 360-961-6804

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

HOPE HOUSE NEEDS

Hope House is currently in need of the following items for our neighbors in need. Please do not leave donations outside during closed hours to prevent theft or damage.

Men's clothing · New underwear & socks (all sizes)

Towels · Sheets · Blankets

Diapers (Size 5+) · Pull-ups · Toilet paper

Donation bins are available in the Gathering Space at Assumption. Several local business partners are also hosting bins through the end of the month.

DROP-OFF: Rodda Paint Co (747 Ohio St)

DROP-OFF: Wellman & Zuck (1840 Iron St)

FOLLOW: [@hopehouse](https://www.instagram.com/hopehouse) for future locations

SPANISH POST-ABORTION HEALING RETREAT

WHEN: June 5–7

Proyecto Raquel ofrece un ambiente confidencial y compasivo para quienes sufren los efectos de un aborto provocado. A través del retiro Viñedo de Raquel, el ministerio brinda un espacio para encontrar esperanza y sanación. No es necesario caminar a solas en este proceso.

INFORMATION: ccsww.org/projectrachel

CONTACT: Alejandra 206-450-7814

PREPARES SUMMER ROAD TRIP

OVERNIGHT: Deception Pass, July 8

OVERNIGHT: Seaquest State Park, July 16

DAY VISITS: Various Dates

DEADLINE: June 29

PREPARES invites participating families to attend the Summer Road Trip at various regional parks. These events provide opportunities for outdoor recreation and community fellowship during the summer months.

Participants must register by June 29 to assist with coordination and supplies. One week before the scheduled visit, registered families will receive an email containing the itinerary, parking details, and required release forms. Bilingual information sheets are available on the program website.

INFORMATION: preparesforlife.org

REGISTER: [Online](#)

UPCOMING

Wednesday, May 20

EASTER WEEKDAY · *St Bernardine of Siena, Priest*

- 4:30PM Teen Adoration ST JOSEPH
6:30PM Reach Moore Training ST JOSEPH

Thursday, May 21

EASTER WEEKDAY · *St Christopher Magallanes & Comp.*

- 8:30AM Confessions ST ANNE
9:00AM Mass † *Samuel Orona & Shirly Westover* ST ANNE
10:30AM 10:10 Challenge ST ANNE
5:00PM Mass ST JOACHIM
5:30PM Sacrament Classes ST JOACHIM
6:30PM Men's Bible Study ST JOSEPH

Friday, May 22

EASTER WEEKDAY · *St Rita of Cascia, Religious*

- 9:00AM Mass † † *Jack Thomas* ST JOSEPH

Saturday, May 23

EASTER WEEKDAY

- 11:00AM Barry/Mulhern Wedding ST JOACHIM
3:00PM Confessions ST JOSEPH
4:30PM Confessions ST ANNE
5:00PM Mass ST ANNE

Sunday, May 24

PENTECOST SUNDAY

- 8:15AM Confessions ST JOACHIM
8:30AM Mass † *Susan Von Jentzen* ST JOACHIM
10:30AM Mass* ST JOSEPH
Noon Youth Group ST JOSEPH

*The Rosary is prayed 30 minutes before the Mass.

‡The Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed following the Mass.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBRANCE MASSES

WHEN: May 23 and 25
WHERE: Holyrood, Gethsemane, Calvary and St Patrick cemeteries

Join us for Memorial Day Remembrance Masses at all four of our Associated Catholic Cemeteries to pray for the souls of our fallen veterans and for the faithful departed.

LEARN MORE: archseattle.org

2026 ST JUDES BASKET RAFFLE

TICKET SALES: Sunday, May 24
DRAWING: Sunday, June 14
WHERE: St Joseph

Ticket sales begin May 24th at coffee hour after 10:30AM Mass. Drawing will be Sunday, June 14th during coffee hour. A donation from proceeds will be made to the St Joseph's roof replacement fund.

Ticket price: \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5. Basket Themes: Ice Cream Party, Experience and Adventures, Barleans Products, Games & Toys.

CONTACT: Susan Burgler · 360-319-5585

COMMUNITY NIGHT

WHEN: Friday, May 29, 6:00–8:30PM
WHERE: St Joseph Social Hall

St Joseph will host a monthly Community Night on the last Friday of each month, beginning May 29. The evening includes pizza and a variety of casual activities, with an emphasis on group games and trivia that can be enjoyed across ages. The setting is informal, with participants free to arrive and depart at any time. Families are welcome, and children are encouraged to take part alongside adults.

ST JOHN PAUL II BIRTHDAY MASS CELEBRATION

WHEN: Saturday, May 30, 11:00AM
WHERE: Church of the Assumption

Join us to celebrate St John Paul II's 106th birthday with a special Mass on Saturday, May 30th, at 11:00AM at the Church of the Assumption. After the Mass, we will release 7 doves to symbolize unity and peace across the world's 7 continents. Following this will be an international potluck reception in the gym. We encourage everyone to bring and share a dish that represents their cultural heritage.

PROJECT RACHEL HEALING RETREATS

SPANISH: Friday, June 5–Sunday, June 7
ENGLISH: Friday, Sept. 25–Sunday, Sept. 27
MEN'S: Saturday, Oct. 10–Sunday Oct. 11

Peace. Is that a word that you thought was a word that no longer would be for you since your involvement in a decision that ended a pregnancy? Join us for a future healing retreat and see what His mercy and His peace are all about, and how it is most definitely for you!

EMAIL: projectrachel@ccsww.org
ONLINE: ccsww.org/projectrachel
FACEBOOK: [@projectrachelww](https://www.facebook.com/projectrachelww)

NO UNLIKELY SAINTS — A MENTAL HEALTH RE-TREAT

WHEN: Saturday, June 20, 9:30AM–4:30PM

WHERE: Peace and Spirituality Center, Bellevue

For those struggling with mental illnesses or those concerned and wanting to help others. Learn how mental illness can become a pathway to holiness by exploring the lives of saints who struggled with mental illness.

LEARN MORE: archseattle.org

JESUS DAY CAMP

WHEN: June 22–26

WHERE: St Joseph, Ferndale

Save the Date for Jesus Day Camp.

QUO VADIS DAYS 2026

WHEN: June 29–July 2

WHERE: Saint Martin's University, Lacey

New location this year! This amazing 4-day overnight camp for high school men (incoming grades 9–12) with priests and seminarians from the Archdiocese of Seattle provides participants the opportunity to learn more about the priesthood, deepen their faith and better discern God's call in their lives. Space is limited to 60.

REGISTER: archseattle.org

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

SPOKANE, WA Oct 2–4

TACOMA, WA Oct 9–11

SEATTLE, WA Nov 13–15

It is time to get your marriage in shape! Worldwide Marriage Encounter is better than any college course. In just one short weekend, you can learn a technique for communication that will keep your marriage on the right track to be healthy. Early registration is highly recommended. Worldwide Marriage Encounter was recently granted canonical recognition as an international private association of the faithful by the Vatican Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life.

CONTACT: Jeff & Sandy Corneil 360-903-2321

INFORMATION: wwme.org

INSTAGRAM: [@worldwidemarriageencounter](https://www.instagram.com/worldwidemarriageencounter)

FACEBOOK: [@worldwidemarriageencounter](https://www.facebook.com/worldwidemarriageencounter)

CCS COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Catholic Community Services seeks volunteers for Hope House and the Lynden Food Bank. Volunteers provide essential support to the local community through flexible weekly or monthly commitments. Please contact the program managers for information on how to assist.

HOPE HOUSE: 360-671-8702

AGAPE FOOD BANK: 360-393-8926

ST JOSEPH SMALL MEN'S GROUP

WHEN: Thursdays, 6:30–8:30PM

WHERE: St Joseph, Ferndale, Disciples Den

Looking for a place to grow in faith, build strong friendships, and dive deeper into God's Word?

Come be part of our Men's Small Group at St Joseph in Ferndale. We will be meeting every Thursday in the Disciple's Den. We read and discuss the Bible, encourage one another, and strengthen our walk with Christ in a welcoming and supportive environment. We are currently reading through the Ignatius Study Bible and we will be starting on the Epistles of John.

Whether you're new to Scripture or have been studying for years, all men are welcome. No pressure—just honest conversation, shared faith, and a chance to grow together.

CONTACT: David Day · 360-594-9426