Pastor’s 2 Cents From: Fr. Jim DeBruycker

Here are four scenarios for you:
You are lying in bed in the middle of the night and you hear something fall; you are camping and half-awake you hear branches breaking and something brushing against the tent; you swim out a little deeper than usual in the ocean and something brushes your foot; worse...a dorsal fin pops up about ten feet from you.

I’ve had all of those things happen. Luckily the dorsal fin was that of a dolphin, and although I never did find out whatever brushed my foot, I could have won an Olympic gold medal with the time it took me to swim to shore.

All of these events make us take notice; all of a sudden we are present to the moment and hyper-aware of our surroundings. Our fear/flight response is in full throttle. I wouldn’t put any money on it, but I bet you could tell me about any similar moment with fine detail. These are times when we seem most alive. Some people will even do incredibly death defying (and perhaps stupid) things to get that sense of aliveness and concentration. It can become addictive.

There are, of course, positive scenarios which also activate intense experience and memory such as saying ‘I do’ to your spouse (there is nothing like that bridal quiver at the altar), a birth, (holy cow!) or even more mundane events like a first place or a promotion.

A number of theologians and philosophers have said most humans are asleep. They are unaware of who they are, unaware of their surroundings, unaware of what they truly believe, those rules of life or cultural mores which dictate our activity and response to life. One philosopher actually set his smart phone to randomly give off an alert to force him to stop whatever he was doing or saying and become aware of the who, what, where and how of the moment.

Today’s celebration is called the Pentecost. It was the disciples’ intense awareness of their place in God’s world which stayed with them the rest of their lives. It fed them, encouraged them and gave them hope. I would suggest that today you take a moment to think of an intense moment of hope, something that you remember that gives you a sense of peace and energy. Hold on to it and just say, ‘thank you.’

Speaking of fear/flight, we welcome Archbishop Hebda who will be celebrating the 11am mass next Sunday. We will start at 10:30 in the church where the Archbishop will rededicate the newly remodeled church, blessing the people and anointing the new altar. From there we will process to the Welcome Center for a quick blessing and process into mass at approximately 11. So come to the blessing, the mass or both. Please be in the church by 10:20am and the gym/Welcome Center by 11am.

Weekend Masses are Celebrated at:
5 pm Saturday and 7:45 am Sunday In the Church
9 am and 11 am Sunday in the Gym
Family Masses at 9:45 am and 11:45 am in the Church
Highlights This Week at SJA

Scripture Readings:
Sun, May 20: Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3b-7,12-13; John 20:19-23
Mon, May 21: James 3:13-18; Mark 9:14-29
Tue, May 22: James 4:1-10; Mark 9:30-37
Wed, May 23: James 4:13-17; Mark 9:38-40
Thu, May 24: James 5:1-6; Mark 9:41-50
Fri, May 25: James 5:9-12; Mark 10:1-12
Sat, May 26: James 5:13-20; Mark 10:13-16
Sun, May 27: Deut 4:32-34,39-40; Romans 8:14-17; Matt 28:16-20

Looking Ahead...

Sunday 9 and 11 am Gym Masses:
May 27: Fr. DeBruycker will preside and speak.
June 3: Presider: Fr. Cassidy. Outreach Sunday! We will be joined by representatives of all the projects and organizations that have received support from our Outreach Fund. This is always a really inspiring Sunday.
June 10: Presider: Fr. DeBruycker. Larry McKenzie, longtime North High basketball coach and youth mentor, will be with us.
June 17: Fr. Cassidy will preside and speak.
June 24: Fr. DeBruycker will preside and speak.
July 1: Presider: Fr. Cassidy. We will delve into patriotism and nationalism and our call as people of faith in public life, in honor of the July 4 holiday.

For a video of past speakers and presentations go to www.saintjoanofarc.org/speaker-archive.

Prayer Corner: Please remember in your prayers those who are in need of healing:


Prayer Corner Requests: To keep prayer requests current, names will be included in the bulletin for four weeks and then removed. To add a name or to renew your request, please call Nancy Becker at 612.823.8205 ext. 223.

A Book of Prayer is located in our Gym vestibule. If you have a family member or friend who is ill or who has recently died, please write their names in our Book of Prayer before Mass so we may include them in prayers during our Sunday Masses.
SJA Celebrates Fr. James Cassidy’s 40 Years of Priesthood: Fr. Cassidy will celebrate 40 years of priesthood in May and SJA will congratulate him at two upcoming events. After Masses today, there will be special hospitality in honor of Jim’s anniversary and he will be available for greeting as usual. On Thursday, June 7, there will be an Open House, 5 - 8pm in the Welcome Center, with wine, appetizers, music and a short program at 6:45pm. RSVP is required by Sunday, May 27 to the Parish Center or online at www.stjoan.com. Fr. Jim would be honored by donations to financially support his love of travel. Congratulations, Jim. We are looking forward to the celebrations!

Volunteers Needed: Groups needed to prepare and share meals for 50-55 people at St. Stephen’s Shelter on Clinton Avenue. If you can help, contact parishioner Kay Strand at 612.859.4527.

The Southside Family School Plant Sale will be held in the SJA parking lot today, May 20, 9 am - 1 pm. All profits go directly to kids learning! We will have natives, perennials, hanging baskets, herbs, organic veggies, and student grown plants. We want to encourage everyone to stop by the sale.

Save the Date for SJA Cabaret 2018: Friday and Saturday, Oct. 5 and 6 feature table seating, and The Sunday Show on Oct. 7 will be a matinee this year! More details to follow. The Cabaret needs a volunteer person (or team) to execute graphic design needs for marketing and promotion plans. FFI call 612.308.3406.

Food Shelf Donations Are Needed: You are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items with you when you come to Mass on Sunday and place them in our food shelf bins, located in the entrances to our Church and Parish Center. Your food offerings are donated to the Foodshelf at Sabathani Community Center each week. Thank you for your willingness to help those in need.


Summary of contributions for the week and fiscal year. Includes plate, envelopes and estimated Sustaining Member payments.

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Thank You For Your Continued Support!

Parish Life

Choir will meet this Saturday, May 26 at 10am in the Welcome Center to prepare for the visit of the Archbishop on May 27. Please try to attend. Details for that Sunday will come at that time. Let's make joyful noise!

Memorial Day Prayer Service: Join our Prayer Partners for our annual Memorial Day Service on Monday, May 28 at 10am in the church. We especially invite all those who have a loved one buried in our Memorial Garden. The garden is open for meditation and visitation.

Thank You Picnic Volunteers! More than 400 guests enjoyed the picnic festivities this past Friday night! Whether you helped with food prep on Thursday and Friday, or fulfilled your picnic assignments, your time and work were very much appreciated! A special thanks to Kevin Bandy and Mike Senti who planned and executed another fabulous Not Your Average Picnic menu. For those who requested their Steak House Potato Salad recipe, here it is!

Kevin & Mike’s (Not-So-Secret) Steak House Potato Salad Recipe: Ingredients - 2½ lbs. red potatoes; 1 bunch green onions; 1 red bell pepper; 1 lb. bacon; 6 eggs; 2 cups mayo; 1/3 cup yellow mustard; ½ teaspoon black pepper; ½ teaspoon salt (or Lawry’s, or celery salt). Directions - Dice and boil potatoes until tender. Hard boil eggs, peel and dice. Dice and cook bacon. Dice and sauté red bell pepper. Dice onions, include green tops. Cool cooked ingredients; when cooled mix with mayo, mustard and seasonings. Refrigerate several hours before serving.

LGBTQ Group News:
- Book Club meets this Monday, May 21 at 6:30pm at Curran’s Restaurant, 42nd and Nicollet. We will be discussing Ellen Hart’s latest thriller “A Whisper of Bones.”
- Make sure to put the Golden Valley Pride Celebration on your calendar for June 10. SJA will have a booth at this wonderful festival, which includes food, entertainment and activities for the whole family!
- On Pride Sunday, June 24, you are invited to march in the parade on Hennepin Ave. with the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet and carry the SJA banner. FFI/to RSVP, contact Julie Madden.
- Look for us at the PRIDE celebration in Loring Park June 23-24, where we will have a booth with other downtown churches. Stop by and see us!

Sunday Help Wanted: We are looking for someone to work alternating Sundays, 8 am - 1 pm at the SJA Parish Center front desk. It’s a fun job that involves welcoming visitors, giving directions to meetings around campus and, of course, making coffee. You should be comfortable with a lot of activity, from answering phone calls to registering new members - sometime all at once. If you are interested or would like to know more about the job please contact Nancy Becker or JP Fitzgibbons at the Parish Center.
Pastoral Ministries

**FFI on Pastoral Ministries** contact Sherri Stella at 612.823.8205 ext. 231 or sstella@stjoan.com

**Mental Health Ministry:** Please join us on Monday, June 11, 5:45 - 8pm, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, as Rev. Catherine Duncan presents, *Resiliency and Self-Compassion.* What does it mean to be resilient? How can we become more resilient? Learn about resilience, self-compassion, and self-care. What are the key elements of being compassionate to others and ourselves? Rev. Duncan is an integrative spiritual consultant, where she specializes in helping others heal from chronic illness, life transitions and grief and loss. The evening begins with a light supper. All are welcome. FFI please contact Sherri Stella at the Parish Center.

**South Minneapolis Coalition for Grief Support**
May is Mental Health Month and that there are five things we can do to create caring communities.
- Shift how we see and interact with people living with mental illness.
- Use respectful language.
- Resist disrespectful language and images in the media.
- Know the symptoms of mental illnesses.
- Create an environment that fosters hope, respect, and acceptance.

**The Parish Visitor Ministry** offers confidential listening, prayer, communion, and support in times of life challenges or transitions. Through phone calls and visits, this quiet support is available to parishioners who cannot join us for worship or would like an additional long or short term parish connection in the home, hospital, rehab or care center. FFI contact Norine Larson at 952.925.2437 or Sherri Stella at the Parish Center.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry:** To each is given a manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. 1 Cor 12:7. Have you been given the gift of knitting or crocheting? Would you be interested in sharing your talent with our community? We are looking to start a new Prayer Shawl Ministry and would welcome your time and talent. FFI please contact Sherri Stella at the Parish Center.

**Meals on Wheels Volunteers** are needed to deliver hot meals and warm smiles to elderly or disabled homebound people. Drivers are always needed to help with this valuable program. Time commitment is approximately one hour during the noon hour when called to help. FFI call 612.822.6040.

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Peace and Justice

**FFI on Peace & Justice** programs contact Julie Madden at 612.823.8205 ext 228 or jmadden@stjoan.com.

**ISAIAH Coffee:** Our Path to the Elections. We are a member congregation of ISAIAH, a metro-wide coalition of more than 90 faith communities working for racial and economic justice. Have coffee with us next Sunday, following the 11am mass in the Upper Room, and learn about our work engaging voters in the fall elections, and how you can be involved! Meet great people, do holy work.

**Every Church a Peace Church:** On Monday, May 21, SJA will host the ECAPC network gathering, which will begin with a potluck at 6:30pm and include a presentation by Coleen Rowley, who will speak on U.S. mercenaries. Ms. Rowley is a retired FBI agent and one of Time Magazine’s 2002 "Persons of the Year."

**A Report from SJA Parishioners at the U.S./Mexico Border:** Two delegations traveled from SJA to the border this spring, and the stories of their encounters and experiences are powerful and heartbreaking. Our delegates will report on Wednesday, May 30 at 7pm in the Welcome Center and we hope you will join us. Our Welcome the Stranger ministry is committed to standing in solidarity with those whose lives are broken by our immigration system - and we are committed to changing that system.

**Interfaith "Come Together" Peace Prayer Service:** This month’s Come Together service will be *tonight* at 7:30pm at Masjid Al-Ansar Islamic Community Ctr, 5637 Brooklyn Blvd #101 in Brooklyn Center. Guests are asked to dress modestly and female guests may bring a head scarf or use one provided. Following prayer, the Ramadan fast will be broken with an 8:45pm Iftar dinner at North View IB World School, 5869 69th Ave. N. in Brooklyn Park. RSVP for the dinner at www.protectmn.org by clicking on "events." All are welcome to pray and eat together. This is how we build peace.

**Outreach Sunday is June 3:** Make plans to visit with all of the organizations we support and partner with through our SJA Outreach Fund, when they join us here on Sunday, June 3. Our CARE Committee, Justice Grant recipients, and Sustaining Partners (Arm in Arm in Africa, Sister Parish, Mobile Loaves Twin Cities, and Women Against Military Madness) will all be with us. Through our Outreach Fund, we help to create a web of people working together for God’s justice and peace. Thank you to all our donors and those involved in these organizations!

**Eco Spirits Movie Night:** On Wednesday, June 6, join us in the Upper Room at 7pm for popcorn and a screening of *Donald Trump, The Koch Brothers and Their War on Climate.* A discussion will follow on how we are working together for climate justice.

**Minnesota Poor People’s Campaign:** This week, a revival to address racism, militarism, poverty and ecological devastation began around the country, bringing together people with an alternative vision for our future. FFI about local events, go to facebook.com/mnppc or www.poorpeoplescampaign.org. Click on “Actions” and “Find Your Event.”
We form the faith of our community through participation in prayer, liturgy, sacraments, education, community and works of justice.

Registration for the 2018/19 Faith Formation year has begun. Sign up for Nursery, Pre/K, Elementary and Youth Ministry Sunday programming. Register early and save! Paper copies are available in the Parish Center or register online at stjoan.com. Annual registration needed for all classes.

Camp St. Joan: France, July 16 - 19. We are excited to offer early bird registration. If you register by June 1, the price will be $70/individual and $135/family. We will be looking for artifacts from France, and if you want to join the planning committee, contact Brooke Barnard at bbarnard@stjoan.com.

Nursery: FFI contact Michelle Dehn, Nursery Director at mdehn@stjoan.com or 612.823.8205 ext. 240.

Our Nursery, located in the lower level of the Parish Center, is open for the 9 & 11am Sunday Masses. The Nursery is a wonderful community of families and volunteers that allows parents to enjoy Mass and meet other families in the parish. Drop-ins welcome.

Pre-school: (Ages 4-Kindergarten) FFI contact Olivia Brown at obrown@stjoan.com or 612.823.8205 ext. 230.

Grade School: (Grades 1-6) FFI contact Marie Bissonnette at 612.823.8205 ext. 229.

Youth Ministry: (Grades 7-12) FFI contact Rose Aspholm at 612.823.8205 ext. 241 or raspholm@stjoan.com.

Summer Bonfires: All youth in ascending grades 7-12 are invited to our summer bonfires at the youth house! First bonfire will be at 7pm on May 23. S’mores, snacks, music, and games provided. Come hang out with Rose, Brennan, and the whole crew!

Seeking Fire Wood Donations: Our youth ministry team is seeking donations of firewood for their summer bonfires! If you’d like to donate a bundle or two please contact Brennan at 612.823.8205 ext. 222.

Youth Ministry Twins Outing: All youth in grades 6-12 and their families are invited to see the Twins take on the Red Sox, June 20 at 7:10pm! Seating is in the right field grandstand, and only $12 per ticket! RSVP on our parish website under the Youth Ministry Outreach tab - deadline to reserve your ticket is May 20. FFI contact Brennan at bhall@stjoan.com. Go Twins!

Pine Ridge Delegation - Spots Still Available: We still have room in our second week: August 18 - 24! Adults and teens (9 - 12th grade) are welcome to join us on this incredible week of service, cultural learning and community building. Email Rose today at raspholm@stjoan.com.

A Great Gift to Our CARE Committee: On Friday, April 20, 50 SJA confirmands and hardy adult volunteers learned about youth homelessness in our community, and spent the night in cardboard boxes in the SJA parking lot. They also raised $5,269.31 for our CARE Committee. This ministry provides emergency financial assistance for housing and utilities to neighbors and parishioners in need. We are very grateful to our SJA youth for their partnership and for their lived example of compassion and commitment to those experiencing homelessness.

Adult Learning: FFI contact Cynthia Bailey Manns at 612.823.8205 ext. 226 or cmanns@stjoan.com.

SAGES Life Transitions Seminars invites you to the Life Transitions Seminar series Wednesday evenings in May, 6:30 - 8:30pm, in Hospitality Hall. No fee, yet donations accepted to help defray costs.

Wednesday, May 23: Funeral Planning with Fr. DeBruycker, Sherri Stella, Anna Vagle, Maureen Carlson and Marcia Kurtz

Parish Book Club meets on the 2nd Wednesday of a month at 6:30pm in the Parish Center. Everyone is welcome anytime!

June 13: And the Mountains Echoed by Khaled Hosseini

SAGES, Meeting the Challenge of the "Solo Agers" with Linda Camp on Wednesday, June 13, 6:30 - 8pm, in Hospitality Hall.

New SJA Photo Directory:
- As we have said over the past few weeks, SJA is partnering with Lifetouch for a new parish directory - at no cost to us. Every family photographed will receive a complimentary directory as well as an 8x10 portrait. We hope you will be included in our new directory. You can schedule your photo session on the SJA website, www.stjoan.com. Photo sessions will take place at the Arc (4457 3rd Ave.), across the street from the church.
- We also need volunteers to help with greeting and registering parishioners being photographed. You will be asked to work a four hour session in the Arc - once, or more if you like. FFI about volunteer opportunities email: dheaney@stjoan.com.

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