Pastor’s 2 Cents From: Fr. Jim DeBruycker

The readings from the lectionary after Easter follow two paths. The readings from the Acts of the Apostles immediately after Easter begin with the days after the Pentecost. The disciples have found their voice and courage and are courageously preaching the Gospel throughout the Mideast and ultimately to the whole Roman world.

The other path is listening to the teaching of Jesus which will lead up to the Ascension and Pentecost. The readings were structured that way because they are in sync with the RCIA, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. The first path shows the journey of faith that is taken by believers; the second path, the truths of the faith, or the Mystagogia.

Where previously Jesus talked in parables, now he boldly asserts who he is, especially with the famous ‘I am’ statements which stress his equality with the divine. He is the ‘I am who am’ - the Old Testament name of God- who is also the human Jesus.

In what might be considered a third path, we have the readings from the book of Revelations. We have the journey of the faithful, the truth of Christ and now the result of this faithful journey: membership in the heavenly kingdom. The whole message being: ‘It is all worth the struggle.’

In a couple of weeks we will be celebrating our graduation as believers. Jesus will ascend and more or less say to his dumbfounded followers, “it’s up to you now”. Even the angels are more or less in on it when they ask “What are you looking at?” Get on with it.

Of course, we know from the Acts of the Apostles that the disciples did get their act together once the Spirit entered into them. This brings us to Pentecost, the celebration of the Spirit being alive and well in the Church. Of course, all of this is great, but today’s Gospel brings it all back down to earth. All of this celestial wonder means nothing if we don’t love each other; lower Christology is always needed with high Christology.

I just heard Doris Day died, a little bit of sunshine has left the world.
**Highlights This Week at SJA**

FFI check the bulletin, the SJA website or call the Parish Center. The Upper Room is located in the Parish Center; Hospitality Hall, in the Church basement; the Arc, across 45th Street, 4457 3rd Ave.

**Scripture Readings:**

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**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.

**Looking Ahead...**

**Sunday 9 and 11 am Gym Masses:**

**May 26:** Presider: Fr. Cassidy

**June 2:** Presider: Fr. Cassidy. We celebrate Outreach Sunday! **Julie Madden** will speak and we will be joined by many guests. And there will be ice cream sandwiches.

**June 9:** Presider: Fr. Cassidy. Pentecost: The Spirit is alive in many languages in our gym masses.

**June 16:** Presider: Fr. DeBruycker. A special Sunday of blessing for youth and adults leaving to serve with several organizations in Milwaukee this summer, and a commissioning of our new parish council members.

**June 23:** Presider: Fr. Cassidy. It is the weekend of the Twin Cities Pride celebration, and we will commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall uprising.

**June 30:** Presider: Fr. DeBruycker. We are thrilled to welcome guest speaker Dr. Mary Dana Hinton, president of the College of St. Benedict.

**July 7:** Presider: Fr. Cassidy

**July 14:** Presider: Fr. DeBruycker

**Gluten-free Communion** is available upon request. Please see any of the Sunday sacristans in the gym before Mass.

**Enhanced Hearing Devices** are available in the church and gym. They are located in the back of the church and the welcome center.

**SignUpGenius for Eucharistic Ministers** is available online. It is simple, user friendly and a reminder is sent 3 days before your scheduled volunteer day. FFI contact Marcia at mkurtz@stjoan.com.
Parish Picnic Friday, June 14, 5 – 9pm: Bingo, brats and our best folk artist, Steve Kremer, for one night only! Join the festivities for games, activities and entertainment on the SJA campus. Food will be served from 5 to 7:30pm. Stop by the volunteer appreciation table and register to win two tickets for an upcoming concert! Reservations are required by June 2 and available on-line at www.stjoan.com or call the Parish Center 612.823.8205.

Neighborhood Parade and Celebration: On Saturday, June 1, starting at 11am, join the Field Regina Northrop celebration at McRae Park (47th and Elliott) for food trucks, performances and a neighborhood parade that begins at Field School (also at 11am). This is our SJA neighborhood!

Penpals of People in Immigration Detention in Minnesota: Conversations with Friends (CWF) invites English and Spanish speakers (22 and older) to become pen pals for people being detained by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in MN county jails. Training is Saturday, May 25, 9 am – 1pm in Mpls. FFI/to register, please email Steve at stevekraemer@outlook.com.

Wedding Policies: For a wedding to take place at SJA, it is necessary that one of the engaged couple be a registered member of the parish for at least six months before a wedding date can be set. A date can only be scheduled by one of the priests after an initial interview with the engaged couple. A minimum of six months from the time the date is set to the wedding is necessary in order to complete requirements. In cases where there has been a previous marriage ending in divorce, it is not possible to set the wedding date until notice of an annulment is in hand. FFI call Sherri Stella at the Parish Center.

Parish Council News: Congratulations to five parishioners who have been newly elected to the St. Joan of Arc Parish Council: Ann Counihan, Jim Emery, Tica Hanson, Diane Moe, and Mike Rydberg. They will officially join the Council at the September, 2019 meeting when three Council members will be stepping down after completing their terms: Renee Anderson, Val Moeller, and Karen Waldron. SJA is grateful for the gifts they have shared during their time on the Council and we welcome our new members on this journey.

Mobile Loaves Twin Cities:
- **Volunteer Needed**: This food ministry, which involves hundreds of SJAers, is looking for a volunteer (over 18) to help with meat slicing for 2-3 hours, once every three months. FFI contact Jeanne at leightonjeanne@gmail.com
- **Socks Needed**: Mobile Loaves Twin Cities delivers socks to those in need and are looking for new lightweight, crew-cut socks for men, women and children. Please place your donations in the collection hamper in the Parish Center entrance. FFI contact info@mobileloavestc.com.

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.

Rider Alert: Will You Ride the Bus to SJA? Public transportation is one of the most effective ways we can protect our planet, and Metro Transit is planning to eliminate Saturday and Sunday service on Route 535 (35-W) if ridership doesn’t increase. Go to metrotransit.com/Route/535 to see the route and please consider using this great service.

Wills: Every adult should have a will, whatever the size of the estate. In addition to being a legal document, a will is an ethical document that conveys your values and priorities from which organizations and causes important to you may benefit. We hope that in preparing your will you consider including SJA as a beneficiary. If you already have, please let us know so we can thank you. Our legal title is Church of Saint Joan of Arc, Minneapolis.

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

**Current (May 6 - May 12, 2019)**
- Actual $36,735
- Budget $42,850
- Prior Year Actual $38,665

**Year to Date (July 1 – May 12, 2019)**
- Actual $1,821,498
- Budget $1,834,990
- Prior Year Actual $1,734,481

**Thank You!**
Pastoral Ministries

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

**Mental Health Connect:** Please join us this Tuesday, May 21, 6:30 - 8pm at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 4100 Lyndale Ave. S., as Elizabeth Power, M.Ed., presents, *Tools for Turning Trauma Upside Down.* Participants will gain a greater understanding of trauma and its impact on health, tools to decrease distress and increase functioning, and lines to help kick stigma to the curb. All are welcome for this free event. FFI contact Sherri Stella at the Parish Center.

**May is Mental Health Month:** Did you know? According to The National Institute of Mental Health, anxiety and depression are the most common mental health disorders affecting adolescents. Both depression and anxiety can have a negative impact on an adolescent’s social, emotional and cognitive development well into adulthood, and often co-occur with another disorder. Tragically, about eighty percent of adolescents with an anxiety disorder, and sixty percent of adolescents with depression never received treatment.

**Coalition for Grief Support:** Please join us this Thursday, May 23, 6:15 - 8pm at Richfield Lutheran Church, 8 West 60th Street, as Beryl Schewe, Director of Pastoral Care and author, presents, *Building Resilience Again.* The evening begins with light refreshments followed by a presentation and facilitated small group sessions. FFI contact Jean Mills at 612.986.8217 or Sherri Stella at the Parish Center.

**National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI):** Please join us on Wednesday, May 29, 6:30 - 8pm in Hospitality Hall, as Kay King presents, *Gray Matters: Depression in Older Adults.* Learn about the warning signs, risks, and treatment for depression in older adults. All are welcome for this free event. FFI contact Sherri Stella at the Parish Center.

**Mental Health Ministry:** Please join us on Monday, June 10, 5:45 - 8pm in Hospitality Hall, for a panel presentation on *Trauma Stewardship: How Are Community Resources Positioned to Help Those Impacted By Trauma.* Our evening begins with a light supper. All are welcome for this free event.

**The Prayer Shawl Ministry:** Please join us on the first Monday of each month, 6:30 - 8pm, in the Daisy Room and third Tuesday of each month, 9 - 10:30am, in the Geranium Room in the Parish Center. All are welcome! Our prayer shawl members are open to teaching new members to knit and crochet. FFI contact Sherri Stella at the Parish Center.

**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 Sherri at the Parish Center or Carolyn Dobis at 651.485.2868.

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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.

**Guatemalan Delegates to Visit SJA:** Please join us! Following both the 9am and 11am mass on June 9, learn about the delegation from our Sister Parish August 2 - 12. We need host families, interpreters, and drivers, and we welcome people to join us for our daily activities, too. It is always a rich time together and you may learn new things about the Twin Cities, too!

**SJA Outreach Sunday:** On June 2 we will celebrate the work of our SJA Outreach Fund and it will be a great Sunday! Join us to give thanks for the good news of these efforts. We’ll be joined by representatives from the following:

- **CARE Committee:** We provide emergency financial assistance to help people in need pay for housing and utilities
- **Sustaining Partners:** These organizations are integral to the life of SJA - and our community is integral to them! They are: Arm in Arm in Africa; Sister Parish; Women Against Military Madness and Mobile Loaves Twin Cities.
- **Justice Grants:** Twice a year we award grants to organizations in which our parishioners and committed volunteers and leaders. We’ll be joined by 34 organizations that received grants over our past two cycles!

**LGBTQ Group News:*

- **Sunday, June 9:** 4th Annual Golden Valley Pride Celebration from noon to 6pm in Brookview Park. SJAers have been involved in this event since its inception, and we will have a table there with info on our congregation. It’s a great day for all, with food trucks, music, activities for families, and a beer and wine garden!
- **Wednesday, June 19:** Everyone is invited to join our prayer service at 7pm in the church to give thanks for the presence of our LGBTQ community at SJA. Special music by Ann Reed and hospitality to follow. This is an important opportunity for us to express our gratitude for our parish of SJA and for the faithful witness of LGBTQ parishioners in our church.
- **Sunday, June 23:** We will have a presence with other downtown churches at a booth in the Loring Park Pride Celebration. If you’d like to volunteer to take a shift at the table, please contact Julie Madden. Meet great people and convey the welcome of SJA! That day in the gym our liturgy will include a reflection on the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall uprising.

**Women Against Military Madness:** *Walk Against Weapons.* On Saturday, June 1 join other dedicated peacemakers for a vibrant 1.75 mile walk around Lake Como. This year the walk is in support of the UN treaty to ban nuclear weapons, which has been signed by 122 member states - but not the U.S. Local action is happening to bring us closer to U.S. ratification of this treaty. FFI go to www.womenagainstmilitarymadness.org (and you’re encouraged to sign up sponsors, with proceeds going to WAMM).
Faith Formation and Adult Learning

*We form the faith of our community through participation in prayer, liturgy, sacraments, education, community and works of justice.*

**2019/2020 Faith Formation Registration** is open for Nursery through 12th grade. Go to www.stjoan.com under the “News” portion on the home page. Receive a $10 discount per child if you register by May 31.

**Want a Pen Pal?** Two Guatemalan girls ages 10 and 13 from our Sister Parish in Tierra Nuevo II are looking for pen pals! Pen pals write letters 2-4 times a year. Letters are carried by hand from SJA to TNII. When the Guatemalan delegation comes here, they often bring letters; when our parishioners go there, we send the response letters with them. If interested, contact Tica Hanson at ticasa.comcast.net. ¡Gracias!

**Adoptive Families Book Club:** Join us for some summer reading! We’ll meet in June to discuss *Pictures of Hollis Woods* by Patricia Reilly Giff, and in August to continue talking about *Being Adopted: The Lifelong Search for Self* by David M. Brodzinsky. Date TBA, but time and place the same: 10am at Turtle Bread (4762 Chicago Ave. Mpls). Enjoy your reading.

**Looking Ahead For Families:** On September 8, come to a Welcome Back brunch in Hospitality Hall between the Gym Masses. And on September 15, we will see you back in the church for our first Family Masses of the fall. Get it on the calendar!

**Join the Clare Housing Supper Club:** Looking for a way to make sure your family eats together while giving back to your community? Join the Clare Housing Supper Club and prepare a meal each month for the residents at one of their care homes. Clare Housing provides affordable housing, supporting services, and compassionate care to around 200 people living with HIV/AIDS, including 20 families. Share a meal and make a difference! FFI, contact Gabrielle at gdane@stjoan.com.

**Camp St. Joan Germany, July 15 - 18:** We are excited to offer early bird registration. If you register by June 1, the price will be $75/individual and $135/family. If you want to join the planning committee, contact Brooke Barnard at bbarnard@stjoan.com.

**Baptism:** To have your child baptized at St. Joan’s you must be a registered member and participate in a 90-minute Baptism preparation class. FFI and to register call JP at the Parish Center.

**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 Magnolia Ditzler at mditzler@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 or Brennan Hall at bhall@stjoan.com.

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

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

- June 12: *I am Malala* by Malala Yousafzai
- July 10: *The Secret Diary of Hendrik Groen 83 1/4 years old* by Hendrik Groen
- September 11: *The Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck

**Questions to Ponder** ~ Renowned and beloved priest, author, and pastor, Henri Nouwen, reminds us that spiritual formation is “the way to freedom.” As we deepen our relationship with the Holy One, we are being prepared for a life in which we can move away from our fears, compulsions, resentments and sorrows, to serve with joy and courage in the world, even when this leads us to places we would rather not go. (Spiritual Formation, Christensen & Laird, 2010) At SJA, we are challenged to continually ask ourselves, “Who is God to me?, Who am I to God?, and How am I called to serve in the healing of the world?”

**Centering Prayer**, Sundays following the 9am Mass in the SJA Youth House. Centering Prayer is a meditative prayer that helps loosen the hold of our automatic thought patterns that drive us and separate us from the Sacred. All are welcome!