

St. Mary of the Rosary, Chewelah

Mass: Saturday 4:00 PM and Sunday 10:00 AM
Reconciliation: Sat. 2:30—3:30 PM and by appt.

Holy Ghost, Valley

St. Joseph, Jump Off Joe

Mass: Sunday 8:00 AM (at Holy Ghost)
Reconciliation: Tuesday 6:00—7:00 PM at HG

Sacred Heart, Springdale

Mass: Saturday, 6:00 PM
Reconciliation: 1st Fridays, 5:00—5:30 PM

No Weekday Masses June 27-30

Fr. Jeff will be at Quo Vadis Days the last week in June.

Mass Intention

Saturday, July 1, 4:00 PM Charles Brusso +

Holy Ghost/Jump Off Joe Summer Schedule

June 25 — Mass at St. Joseph (JOJ)

July through September:

1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays at Holy Ghost

2nd & 4th Sundays at St. Joseph

Welcome!

We welcome Charlotte Anne Wilson (daughter of Mike & Miya Wilson and granddaughter of Bud & Fran Wilson) into our family in faith. Charlotte was baptized at St. Mary of the Rosary Church last Sunday. Welcome, Charlotte!

Au Revoir, Fr. Jeff

Farewell until we meet again. It's been a great five years with Fr. Jeff, and now, with a tear in our eye, we send him off to continue his work of building the Kingdom of God. Fr. Jeff, you will be missed. We wish you joy and success in your new pastorship.

Upcoming Parish Office Hours

Brenda will be using several vacation days over the next three weeks and will be in and out of the office accordingly. Fr. Jeff and Fr. David both feel we can get by without hiring a substitute while she is gone. Please leave messages and calls will be returned as quickly as possible. For emergencies, please call or text Brenda's cell phone at (509) 936-2420.

St. Mary's Preschool

14 children just concluded another year at St. Mary's Preschool. We are now accepting names of children, ages 3-5 who are interested in attending Preschool in the fall. Class size is limited so please don't delay.

Save the Date for Spokane Indians Baseball

Once again, we will have a tri-parish social event at Avista Stadium in Spokane when we attend "Faith Night with the Spokane Indians". Game date is Sunday, August 6. First pitch will be at 3:30 PM and gates will open at 2:30 PM.

30 bench seats are reserved for our group. Please call the parish office for more information and to express your intention to claim one or more of the tickets. Tickets will be available at the "Will Call" window for those who provide their name to the parish office.

Fr. Jeff and his folks from St. Peter's will be right next to the seating reserved for our tri-parishes!

Healthy at Home: A Matter of Balance

Rural Resource will offer a free workshop on "Managing Concerns about Falls" this summer. The workshop begins July 13 and runs for 8 consecutive weeks, concluding August 31. Classes will be held at the Chewelah Manor (501 E Main Ave) from 1:00—3:00 PM for the 8 weeks. Because of limited space, the workshop is limited to 8 people. To sign up, contact Pam Snider at (509) 684-3932 ext. 6003.

Rome Pilgrimage with Fr. Jeff and Fr. Maher

Fr. Jeff's next big trip will be to Rome, and this time he is going with Fr. Michael Maher of Gonzaga University. The date is March 8-19, 2018. Up to 40 pilgrims can sign up. The price (expected to be less than \$4000) includes airfare, 11 nights at a four-star hotel in Rome, two meals per day, tour bus fare, and gratuities. Fr. Jeff will open up registration to our tri-parish community first before opening it up to the whole Diocese. More info coming soon.

Baby Bottle Boomerang

The main fundraiser for the Crisis Pregnancy Center in Colville has now officially ended. Please bring in your baby bottles filled with change ASAP.

Judy Huguenin Memorial Friday, June 30

Judy Huguenin's memorial celebration will be at St. Mary's Rosary Garden on Friday, June 30, at 11:00 AM. All her friends are invited to attend.

Cornerstone Catholic Conference

The Bishops of Washington State invite YOU to join them at the Cornerstone Catholic Conference, "Together for Life & Justice". The conference will be at the Tacoma Convention Center October 20-21, 2017. Keynote speakers include Bishop Robert Barron, Ralph McCloud, and Helen Alvare, among others. Register online at www.cornerstonecatholic.org or by phone at 1-800-838-3006. If you need more information, you can send an email inquiry to: info@cornerstonecatholic.org or call (206) 301-0556.

Free Food Distribution

Thanks to St. Paul Lutheran Church and Stevens County Thrivent Members, there will be a distribution of free food on July 6 from 10:00 AM—Noon. Food can be picked up at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 110 N 2nd Street in Chewelah. If you have questions, please contact Karin Freeman at (509) 936-2157.

This food is available to ALL families in need of food assistance. No appointment or documentation is needed. There will be produce, nutritious perishable products, and other groceries. Please bring a box for transporting your food home.

Employment Opportunity

St. Joseph Catholic Parish in Colbert is seeking to hire a Music Director. The Music Director, in collaboration with the pastor, is responsible for the selection, coordination, and rehearsal of music at all liturgical and sacramental celebrations. The position also requires the coordination of music volunteers and ministers. You can find more information on the website: <https://www.dioceseofspokane.org/employment#parttime>

With Sincere Thanks!

Thank you to everyone who made Fr. Jeff's Farewell Dinner such a wonderful event! The Knights of Columbus prepared delicious ribs and parishioners provided an abundant feast (and beautiful cake!) to round out the meal. Much gratitude to the decorating committee and to those who set up and cleaned up. Thank you, also, to everyone who attended.

Please Remember the Food Banks.

Sacrament of Baptism: Parents contact Rev. Jeffrey Lewis for information.

Sacrament of Holy Matrimony: Couples contact Rev. Jeffrey Lewis at least four months prior to marriage.

Tri-Parish Office

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Farewell, and God Bless!

For my final pastor's column for the parish bulletin, I have an opportunity to express to you my sincere, heartfelt gratitude for these amazing five years as your pastor. I have heard it said by older and more seasoned priests that my experience at my first assignment would shape my whole life as a priest and color all of my future endeavors. If my first assignment went well, then my whole priesthood goes well; if my first assignment went not so well, thus goes my whole priesthood.

Well, thanks be to God that these five years have been absolutely amazing — truly, some of the very best years of my life! The parishes are great, the people of God here are even greater, and this whole experience has been absolutely wonderful. Not without its challenges, of course, but all the same just a truly wonderful experience.

I have heard more than one priest tell me that this assignment is one of the rare gems of the whole diocese, meaning that this tri-parish community is certainly sought-after by so many priests. And now, I know first-hand the truth of that sentiment. A number of priest friends were very jealous of me when I was assigned here, and with the announcement that I was being sent elsewhere, a good number of priests told me that they were hoping they would get to be your next pastor here.

And it is you, the people of God here, to thank for that! I was instantly welcomed as the newest member of your families, invited to dinners and called upon for every need. I never met a stranger in all of my time here; everyone here was an instant friend from the first handshake. I never felt out of place, out of my element, and only rarely out of my mind in all my time here!

So for the countless memories that I will deeply cherish all the days of my life, I thank you all. For making my first pastor assignment as wonderful as I could ever hope for, thereby making my whole priesthood as wonderful as I could ever hope for, I thank you all.

And now, on for St. Peter in Spokane . . . which, of course is not Mars or anything, so please come by and visit as often as you are able, and I shall do the same. And let us continue the good work that God has already begun in us; though being fifty miles apart, we still share the same mission, the same universal call to holiness to which God calls each of us. Let us continue working in the Lord's vineyard for the salvation of souls and the greater glory of God, and if nothing else, we shall indeed meet again, if not here . . . then, by the grace of God, in the hereafter.