

Parish Calendar

**Sunday, December 13: Mass at 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.**

*CCS presentation at Masses*



**Third Sunday of Advent**

Children's Liturgy - During Masses - Mtg. Rm.  
 Sunday Social Hour - Sr. Parish Committee  
 Family Based Catechesis - 9:30 a.m. - Center  
 Lector Training - 11:30 a.m. - Church  
 Respect Life - 11:30 a.m. - Church Hall  
 Youth Group - 4:00 p.m. - Center  
 Confirmation Class - 6:00 p.m. - Center

**Monday, December 14: Mass at 7:45 a.m.**

Eucharistic Adoration - 3:00 - 6:45 p.m. - Chapel  
 Adult Bible Study - 7:00 p.m. - Center  
 Parish Reconciliation Service - 7:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, December 15: Mass at 7:45 a.m.**

PrimeTimers - See article  
 KC Officer's Mtg - 6:30 p.m. - Hall  
 RCIC - 6:45 p.m. - Center

**Wednesday, December 16:**

**Communion Service at 7:45 a.m.**

**Thursday, December 17: Mass at 7:45**

School Reconciliation Service - 9:20 a.m. - Church  
 RCIA - 7:00 p.m. - Center

**Friday, December 18: Mass at 7:45 a.m.**

Men's Prayer Group - 6:45 a.m. - Hall  
 Sr. Parish - Off Site

**Saturday, December 19: Mass at 5:30 p.m.**

Reconciliation - 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. - Church

**Sunday, December 20: Mass at 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.**

*Fourth Sunday in Advent*

*Decorating Church after 10:30 a.m. Mass*

Children's Liturgy - During Masses - Mtg. Rm.  
 Sunday Social Hour - PrimeTimers  
 Family Based Catechesis - 9:30 a.m. - Center

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*St. Patrick Catholic Church*  
 Weekly Contributions  
*Stewardship of Treasure*

Weekly Amount Needed	Last Week's Collection Total:	Needed Year to Date	Actual Year to Date
<b>\$20,643</b>	<b>\$21,183</b>	<b>\$474,789</b>	<b>\$417,118</b>
	Year to date - <b>(\$57,671)</b>		

*God gives it all -  
 then calls us to share*

Please pray for all the sick members of our faith community, in particular:

*Chris Birmingham*  
*Beth Bucsko*  
*Jimmy Collins*  
*Jack Conlon*  
*Suzanne Gardner*  
*Joanne Girolami*

*Gina Hernandez*  
*Ione Hughes*  
*Polly Martinez*  
*Haley Marston*  
*Beth Mill*  
*Angie Olson*

*Carol Pfeiffer*  
*Debbie Rupert*  
*Yvonne Simpson*  
*Ingrid Skeldon*  
*Betty Solberg*  
*Jeannine Sturman*

### Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 12 - Intentions of Fr. Jim Poole  
 Sunday, December 13 - RIP Nick Beritich  
 Monday, December 14 - RIP Dick Boulanger  
 Tuesday, December 15 - RIP Dick Figueras  
 Wednesday, December 16 - *Communion Service*  
 Thursday, December 17 - RIP Paz Anulacion  
 Friday, December 18 - RIP Bernhard Dold  
 Saturday, December 19 - RIP Joan Wilson  
 Sunday, December 20 - Intentions of  
 Margaret O'Connell

Please pray for the repose of the souls of

*Diane Fehl*

and

*Barb Wood*

*(Jonathan Knight's Aunt)*

We offer our sympathy, love and prayers  
 to their families and friends  
 in this time of sorrow.



### Baptism Congratulations

Congratulations to the children received into the Christian community by way of the Sacrament of Baptism,

*Michaela Lynn*  
 daughter of  
 Sarah and Bart Blackorby



*Alexandra Avery*  
 daughter of  
 Suzanne and Elliot Mueller

### Adult Confirmation

The Catholic Church requires those wishing  
 to serve as God-Parents, Confirmation Sponsors,  
 Liturgical Ministers or RCIA Sponsors  
 to have received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Classes for adults are  
 Thursdays, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center.

Please contact Leah at: (253)756-8901 or  
[rcia@saintpats.org](mailto:rcia@saintpats.org) to register.

### Returning Catholics

Everyone is welcome at St. Patrick  
 especially those who are finding their way  
 back to the Catholic Church.

We have a program called **Remembering Church**  
 to answer your questions and help you get back into  
 a comfortable relationship with the Church.

Please contact Leah at: (253)756-8901 or  
[rcia@saintpats.org](mailto:rcia@saintpats.org) to learn more.

### RCIC

The RCIC process is a journey for children to receive the sacraments who have been:  
 Baptized in the Catholic Church and past the age of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist and has not  
 received those Sacraments, Baptized in another Christian faith or not baptized.

**If you have a child, who falls into any of the above categories and wishes to receive the Sacraments,  
 please join us! Our next gathering will be Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**

If you have any questions, please contact Laura Dougherty at: 253 - 370 - 2872.

## The Advent and Christmas Seasons in the atrium

*"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light." Isaiah 9:2*

Advent and Christmas are very special times for us as Christians. In our atrium we have spent time learning about the Land of Israel, the parts of our altar and Mass, and have thought together about some of the parables.

We ponder the words of the prophets, particularly Isaiah as we look forward to realizing more fully the mystery of the Incarnation.

Indeed, the Great Light of Jesus guides us in our journey always.

During the Christmas season, we will celebrate with great joy the Feasts of the Holy Family, Epiphany, and the Baptism of our Lord.

Especially at this time of year, we are grateful for the gifts of faith and community.

We are grateful to our volunteer catechists.

who so faithfully serve the children each week, the wonderful children and the St. Patrick community, for your continued support of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.

## Family Based Catechesis

The Family Based Catechesis program has had an exciting 6 weeks! We have delved into many topics - one being prayer. Listened to a presentation on how to bless our children, considered the significance of Advent, looked forward to Christmas and to knowing Jesus more deeply by doing our part to make His Kingdom come. We have laughed, prayed, learned and enjoyed the community feeling of learning together.

JOIN US!

Primarily formed to serve the religious education needs of our public school, private, and home schooling families, we welcome everyone. We meet Sundays in the Parish Center from 9:15-10:20 a.m. This enables us to attend the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Call the Parish Center for more information. Our formal meeting times will begin again January 31<sup>st</sup>.

Please notice the "Sheep Banner" in the Gathering Space of the Church. The banner has the photos of all our children who have recently made their First Reconciliation. Congratulations children, and thank you to our families and catechists who prepared them for this beautiful sacrament.

*"The LORD has done great things for us, We are glad."*

Psalm 126:3

Linnea H.	Gavin A.	Alex N.
Jaela J.	Audrey A.	Jeremy N.
Charles K.	Henry B.	Mason O.
Edward K.	Marissa B.	David P.
Maggie K.	Audrey B.	Ruby S.
Liam K.	Maggie B.	Annali S.
Jacob L.	Dominic C.	Luke S.
Nicholas L.	Marisa C.	Lachlan S.
Alice M.	Seth C.	Josephina S.
Braeden M.	Madaria C.	Sara S.
Lucia M.	Brayden F.	Jared S.
Eli M.	Ryan G.	Rainey T.
Jordan M.	Tenzing. G.	Ramse V.
Elijah M.	Kerani G.	Triton V.
Grant N.	Hunter G.	Ellie W.
Adeline N.	Bryce H.	Katherine W.
Andrew N.	Lucy H.	Aidan Z.

## Slowing Down for Christmas

**On Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup>  
beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Church  
we will offer our parish-wide  
Reconciliation Service.**

It is a beautiful experience to join with our faith community members to reflect on our lives through Scripture readings and songs. We follow with an examination of conscience ending with confessing to one of the four priests who will be available for us.

As we begin our new Liturgical year Church year, wouldn't it be wonderful to begin anew with our souls nourished with the divine mercy and forgiveness of God.

*"It is not the weight of jewel or plate  
or the fondle of silk or fur,  
but the spirit in which the gift is rich  
as the gifts of the Wise men were."*

(Starlight 1993)

### Daily Mass - A great way to start your day!

Monday, Tuesday & Friday -  
Mass is at 7:45 a.m.

Wednesday - Communion Service is at 7:45 a.m.

Thursday - Mass is at 8:45 a.m. with the school.

First Friday of the month -

Mass is at 11:00 a.m.  
with the Seniors

## The Cornerstone

### What is The Cornerstone?

*The Cornerstone* e-newsletter is the newest parish communication that will be published weekly for the St Patrick Church community starting in 2016.

### Why should I sign up for the eNewsletter?

The eNewsletter makes being up to date on happenings in and around St. Patrick easy.

Read *The Cornerstone* every week and stay in the know about important communications from the Parish - from the Holy Day Mass schedule, to the date of the Parish and School Picnic.

### How do I subscribe?

Subscribe to the Cornerstone with the click of a button. Visit the website: [www.saintpats.org/parish/parish-life/the-cornerstone-newsletter/](http://www.saintpats.org/parish/parish-life/the-cornerstone-newsletter/)

## Christmas Vigil Mass -

At the Christmas Vigil Mass on Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 p.m., children will act out the Gospel story, serve as lectors, carry up the Gifts, and help greet at the door. We are looking for children to bring this celebration to life. **Children MUST attend two practices: Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, and Tuesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, both from 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. at the Church.** If your child is between the ages of 5-12, *is a good listener*, and would like to be involved, please contact Donna Añel at: [daanel@juno.com](mailto:daanel@juno.com).

## ST. PATRICK YOUTH MINISTRY

### Youth Group

**all meetings are from 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.  
in the Parish Center, unless otherwise noted,**

Games, Food, Fellowship, Fun!  
Bring old friends, meet new ones!  
All 6-12 graders are welcome.

We will be exploring the VIRTUES this year through games, discussion, small groups, men and women sessions, and videos.

TODAY, Dec. 13

Jan. 10, 24

Feb. 7, 21

Mar. 6, 20

April 10, 24

May 1 NET RETREAT

3:00 - 8:00 p.m. Dinner provided

May 15 Wrap Up Event

May 15, 10:30 a.m. Mass -

High School Senior Blessing

### Confirmation Class

**all meetings are from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.  
in the Parish Center, unless otherwise noted.**

TODAY, Dec. 13

Jan. 10, 24

Feb. 7, 21

Mar. 6, 20

Dates subject to change depending on when Confirmation is scheduled.





Saint Patrick Catholic Church gratefully thanks the following parishioners for showing their commitment to being good stewards by completing a 2016 Stewardship of Treasure Commitment Pledge Card.

As of December 9, 2015 - 325 parishioners have pledged - please join this community of stewards who have pledged by completing your pledge card.

Pledge cards are available in the pews and vestibule or on line at: [www.saintpats.org](http://www.saintpats.org).

Please return it to the parish center through the mail, by dropping it off at the parish center, or through the Sunday collection.

Maria Aldrete - Levy	Dave & Mary Ann Clabaugh	Dolores Glump
Matthew & Stacey Allore	Pierson & Sara Clair	Mark & Cheryl Gosselin
Kim Althoff	Angela Clark	Barbara Gruber
Frank J. & Rosalie Amann	Sheree Clark	Gerry Gunovich
Chris & Julie Ammann	James & Mary Beth Clavenna	Wade & Teri Hager
James R. Andersen & Mary Lobdell	Mollie Cleary	Richard & Patricia Hahn
Jerry Anderson	John & Angela Connelly, Jr.	Brent & Shannon Hall
Karen Anderson	Christopher Constantine & Molly Hagan	Denton & Judy Hanford
Ramon & Donna Anel	Ferdinand & Andrea Cruz	James & Jill Hanson
Richard & Carol Anning	Georgeann Cukjati	Charles & Angela Harmon
German D. Anulacion	Don & Marcella Cummins	Marlene Harnish
Joanne Armour	Theodore D'Afflisio	Scott & Theresa Harris
David & Dixie Lee Atkinson	Jamie & Wynter Dait	John & Jennie Hautala
Don & Lisa Atkinson	Jack & Margaret Daniel	Claire Hayes
William & Marilyn Bailey, Jr.	Donald & Joan Day	Alan & Gabrielle Campagna Heckler
Jeffrey Ball	Virginia Delyanis	H. Eugene & Linda Heiser
Dan & Cheryl Balmelli	Noreen Deruette	Mark & Kim Hendrickson
Robert & Helen Batie	Joann Devlin	Andrew & Jacqueline Henrikson
David & Iris Beardemphl	Joseph & Monica Kiehl Devlin	Barbara Hepfer
Richard & Karla Benedetti	Kushal & Mary Dhesi	Al & Kathy Hicks
Joel M. & Lisa Beritich	Mike & Judy Dillinger	Robert & Cheryl Hoffman
Robert & Kathleen Bethke	Robert & Lisa Dini	Brendan & Kelli Hogarty
Joshua & Meaghan Bihun	Diane Doherty	French & Susan Holbrook
Todd & Katherine Bloom	Frank & Joan Doherty	Joy Holmes
Raymond & Barbara Bolanos	Terry & Mary Donahue	Thomas Holt
Blake & Sharrie Bolton	Donald & Laura Dougherty	Laurie Horn
Yvonne Boscovich	Dave & Ginny Douglas	Karl & Monica Ilacqua
John & Vivian Bosse	Helen Downey	Nancy Jaenicke
Michael & Sarah Boyd	Sean & Jennifer Drew	Margaret Jameson
Ellen Brady	Virgil & Josephine Duyungan	Matthew & Jocelyn Jamora
Marlena Breite	Mark & Denise Dynan	Carolyn H. Jenkins
Jennifer Brennan	Dennis & Cathy Early	Mark & Sheila Jensen
Debora Brese	Don & Ann Marie Eberhart	Philip & Anne Marie Jesse
David & Michele Britton	William & Barbara Eckert	Barry A. & Tessa Johnson
Dennis & Laurie Brooke	Stephen & Anne Enquist	Liu & Christy Johnson
Charles & Margaret Brown	Dennis Faker	William & Kristine Johnston
Robert & Karen Bruback	Dianne Mrs. Falk	Robert & Bonnie Jordan
Constance L. Bryant	Michael & Julia Fallon	Paul & Julie Joyce
Harold G. & Florence Bucholz	Gail Ferry	Stephen Joyce
Kathleen Bucholz & Andy Moore	Norman & Patricia Fiacchi	Robert & Ann Kahr
Don & Beth Bucsko	David & Mary Kay Firestine	Leilane & Heather Kaleiwahea
Andrea Burns	Virginia Fiske	Toni Kanzler
Jeannette Burton	Julie Fitchitt	Anton & Lorraine Karabaich
Jon Calder	Garry & Cathleen Fitzgerald	John Karanja & Hellen Kimani
William & Sandra Cammarano	Julie Foley	Colleen Keely
Susan J. Campbell	Pearl Fors	Paul & Emily Keller
Aaron & Caitlin Carl	Michael & Maureen Freeman	Regina Keller
Beatrice Carmichael	Tom & Margaret Gallagher	Teresa Killa
Eddie & Michelle Carpenter	Cesar & Linda Garcia	Jill Knudson
Shirley Carstens	Suzanne Gardner	David & Amanda Kopchynski
James M. & Elizabeth Catalinich	Michael & Katherine Garrison	Chris & Chris Kradjan
Robert & Theresa Ceccarelli	Randy & Sherree Gause	Brian & Sarah Kranick
Jack & Anne Chambers	Chris & Doreen Gavin	Robert & Sandra Kuharic
Sue Chouinard	Rosalie George	George & Cielito Lane
Charles & Suzanne Christnacht	Stephen & Kathryn Gernon	Robert & Molly Lane
Joan Christnacht	Philip & Lisa Girolami	Tom & Mary Larsen

Cynthia Leeder	Joseph & Susan Olivadoti	Callie M. Sterino
James F. & Elizabeth Leggett	Patrick & Joan Olsen	Jeannine Sturman
Robert Levens	Ben & Nancy Olson	Timothy & Molly Susee
Kirk & Mary Levenson	Patricia Ottow	Jackie Swift
Nannette Liberatore	Marilee Owen	Ray Syrovatka
Mike Lindgren	Toby & Mai Pacheco	Jay & Katherine Taylor
David Little	Joel Panlilio & Joyce Dinglasan-Panlilio	Matthew & Christina Thomas
Enrique & Laurie LLanas	Janette Pennington	Carolyn Titus
Leonard Loflin	Anthony Pepin & Marie Hollinshead	Ralph & Barbara Tomberg
Kevin & Lisa Lovejoy	John & Mary Peterson	Michael & Cindy Turco
Eliza Lujan	Marilyn Peterson	Greg & Amy Unruh
Shawn & Christian Lund	David & Jenise Petrich	Ronald & Yvonne Vanderleest
Mary Lundeen	James J. & MaryAnn Petrich	Manuel & Ann Velez
Marilyn MacDonagh	Peter & Mary Petrich	Stephen & Jane Ver Valin
Robert Mack	John & Shirley Petrinovich	Phillip & Dawn Vitale
Kimberly Mackey	Shane & Valerie Pettit	Leah Walker
Tim & Heather Maher	Robert & Carol May Pfeiffer	Jerald & Elizabeth Walle
Terry & Helen Manley	Stephen & Meghan Pickard	John & Amy Waller
Ann Marinkovich	Eric & Charlene Piercy	John & Denise Ward
Brian & Amy Marlow	Cathy Pillis	Todd & Kim Ward
Robert & Mindi Marsh	Marjorie Post	Sara Waversveld & Todd Donato
Patrick & Shirley McDaid	Scott & Aimee Price	Marganne Weathers
Timothy & Megan McDaniel	Michael & Cheri Prichard	Jason & Claire Webber
Mary Anne McDonald	W. Michael Priebe	Kathy Weber
John R. & Jane McDonough	Daniel & Jana Quioccho	John & Freda Werner
Thomas & Elizabeth McDonough	Marjorie Ramsdell-Shorey	Asher & Barbara White
Mike & Mary McDougal	Richard & Linda Ranch	William & Connie White
John & Elizabeth McDougall	Mary Randall	Daniel & Cathy Whitman
Tara McGregor	Stephen & Joan Rapkoch	Clayton & Jo Ann Williams
Aloysius McKaig	John & Shirley Read	Jason & Jennifer Wing
Frances H. McKamey	David & Leanne Redding	Daniel & Beverly Wombacher
Elizabeth McKinney	John & Dolly Reed	Rex & Judy Wood
Lawrence & Millie McNerthney	Robert E. & Dianne Rieder	Charles & Catherine Leone-Woods
Penny Melton	Patricia Rink	John & Amanda Woodstrom
Mark & Bernadette Melvard	Betsy Rodriguez	Dennis & Jenifer Woxen
Gary & Anne Mesick	James & Penny Rooks, Jr.	Irena Wright
Randolph & Nancy Miller	Jonathan & Cristina Ross	Robert & Patricia Young
Connie Moisis	Antonio & Connie Rossi	Robert & Debbie Zeemin
Robert & Nina Monaghan	RJ & Sandi Ryder	Jake & Kathy Zimmerman
Stuart & Danica Morgan	Jason & Jennifer Saldana	
Fred & Lynda Morley	Patricia Sankovich	
William & Mary Morris	Chris & Mary Schneider	
Scott & Davette Mowers	Mark & Lisa Schomogyi	
Michael & Heather Mowrey	John Schrader	
Christopher & Jill Myers	Jim & Kathy Seley	
Stan & Jeanne Naccarato	Kevin Semler	
Julia Narvaez	Scott & Emily Shaw	
Andrea Natalizio	Robert Silva	
Lon & Nancy Nelson	Barbara Simpson	
Eric & Toni Norling	Gerald & Marilyn Snarski	
Theresa Norris	Earl & Wendy Sodeman	
Andrew & Blanca Norton	Gerald & Betty Solberg	
Eduardo Nunez	Jeffrey & Angela Sorenson	
Mary Lou O'Brien	Bruce & Cindy Sparling	
Claire O'Flaherty	Christopher & Anita Staeheli	
Gerard D. O'Leary	Dominic & Tara Staeheli	
John O'Loughlin	Therese Staeheli	
James & JoAnn O'Neill	Bill & Michele Staley	
Eamon & Elizabeth O'Reilly	Larry & Mavis Stears	
	Bruce & Pamela Stephen-Jordan	

## Living your Strengths during the 3<sup>th</sup> week of Advent

During the Season of Advent we will explore ways to connect our talents with Scripture.

Talents are the 34 words as (defined) by the book Strengthsfinder 2.0. We will look at Mary, The Mother of Jesus, as we ponder these questions.

*"In those days a decree went out from Caesar that the whole world should be enrolled... And Joseph, too, went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea to the city of David that is called Bethlehem... to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child.*  
(Luke 2:1-5)

Think of a time when I was called upon to take action that was very inconvenient, very unexpected, and very important.

What talent strengths did I use to complete this action?

Did one talent strength rise up of my top 5, or did I use all 5 strengths in coordination?

People strong in *Consistency Strength* are aware of the need to treat people the same. They try to treat everyone in the world with consistency by setting up clear rules and adhering to them.

## 2015 Contributions

To claim a donation on your 2015 tax return, contributions to the Church must be received or postmarked by December 31<sup>st</sup>.



## Knights of Columbus Rosary

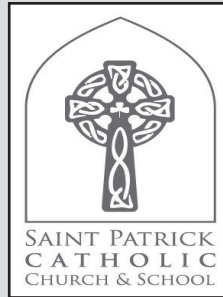
We are changing the KC Rosary, and will no longer have a potluck.

After the Rosary there will be Wine, Cheese, goodies and beverages to enjoy. We welcome all parish members, including families. We would like to especially invite members of the Military Ministry to join us.

Let's Keep Christ in Christmas by taking time from our busy days to bring forth our intentions and pray together. Join us in the Church Hall at 6:30 p.m., the Rosary starts at 6:45. We look forward to seeing you!

## Saint Patrick Catholic School

Over a Century of Academic Excellence  
In the Catholic Tradition



Be it known to all who enter here that Christ is the reason for this school.

*He is the unseen but ever-present teacher in the classroom.*

He is the model of its faculty and the Inspiration of its students.

You are welcome to join us in prayer throughout the school year! We hope you will find us praying together with a sense of reverence and joy, knowing God's great love for us in the Eucharist. Thursday mornings at 8:45 a.m. in the Church.

**Go Church!**  
**St. Patrick pray for us.**

## Visit Us on an Upcoming Welcome Wednesday

Interested in learning more about Saint Patrick Catholic School?

We'd love to meet with you, give you a school tour and answer any questions you may have. Our Welcome Wednesdays also give you a chance to meet our principal.

They will be offered on the following dates from 9:00 -11:00 a.m.:

January 6 - January 20 - February 3 - February 17

Welcome Wednesdays give prospective families an excellent opportunity

to see what a typical school day looks like.

Please contact the school office to let us know you will be attending at:

253-272-2297 or [school@saintpats.org](mailto:school@saintpats.org).

## SCRIP

**Don't forget to use Scrip for your Christmas shopping!**

We are able to order cards for most national retailers and would love to get you prepared for your shopping this Christmas.

**Scrip**

funny word...easy fundraising





### Ministry to the Sick

If you or someone you know is ill and in need of weekly communion, please call Mary at: 383-2783 ext. 4109 and we will assign a ministry member. Our members are compassionate and caring and love to bring communion to those in our faith community who are homebound or not able to come to our weekend liturgies. If you are going to have upcoming surgery or in need of the sacrament of anointing our priests are available following daily Mass (except for Wednesdays) or call the office, so we can arrange to have a priest come to your home.

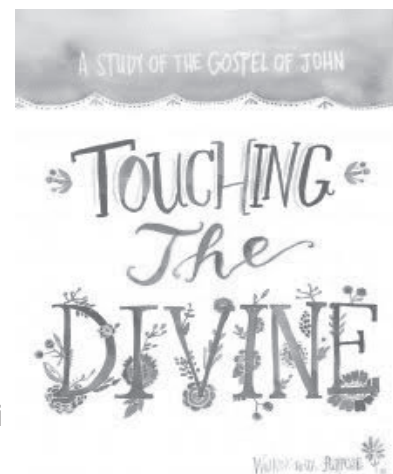
**“Blessed are You, Oh Lord our God,  
who heals and restores us to life.”**

### Walking with Purpose

Walking with Purpose is a Catholic Women's Bible study that is open to all of the women in our parish. This bible study follows the book “Touching the Divine”, which draws us into a deeper relationship with Jesus as we reflect on Christ's personality. Knowing Him more intimately will increase our love for Him. As we study, John will teach us how much Christ loves us and how His love is the true satisfaction of our souls.

We offer two sessions that meet weekly in the Church Hall. The Thursday evening group meets from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. and the Friday morning (with childcare) will meet from 9:00 -11:00 a.m.

To register or for more information, please contact Donna Anel or Tara Staeheli at: [wwp@saintpats.org](mailto:wwp@saintpats.org) or 253-383-2783. *We hope you can join us!*



### Children's Rosary Group

The Children's Rosary® is a prayer group movement that began out of love for Our Lady and Her Son. Jesus tells us "Truly, I say to you unless you turn and become like children you will never enter the Kingdom of Heaven" (Matthew 18:3).

The Children's Rosary is an effort to begin in parishes rosary prayer groups composed of children and led by children. Through prayer of the Rosary, Our Lady will guide our young people, while at the same time sanctify families and Parishes.

Watch the Children's Rosary on EWTN, Wednesdays from 1:00 to 1:30 p.m..

**Our next Children's Rosary will be Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> in the Nursery after the 8:30 a.m. Mass**

If you cannot make it, but you would like us to pray for your Intentions, please write them on a slip of paper and put them in our basket on the table as you go out of church. We will place them before Our Lady and ask her to lift them up into her Son's tender heart.

Our Lady's Mantle

### Sock Collection

PrimeTimers are collecting new socks filled with toiletries for the homeless. Containers for socks are in the Gathering Space at Church and at the Parish Center. Socks will be collected until Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup>.

### Men's Prayer Group

*Join us Friday mornings,  
6:45-7:30 a.m. in the Church Hall*  
This Prayer Group is for men of all ages who want to deepen their relationship with God within the context of family life, work and our faith community.

### PrimeTimers

Join us at Joseppi's Italian Ristorante on **Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.**

*We welcome everyone  
50+ and single!*



## *St. Patrick Parish Advent Activities - 2015*

**December - January - February** - Our Social Justice Group sponsors an annual collection of blankets, coats, hats, mittens/gloves and socks to be shared with the homeless. You are asked to be sure that the items you share are clean and in good, useable condition. Containers for the items are found in the Gathering Space.

**Sock Collection** - PrimeTimers are collecting new socks filled with toiletries for the homeless. Containers for donated socks can be found in the Gathering Space and the Parish Center. Socks will be collected until Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Advent** - Our annual Jesse Tree will be in the Gathering Space of the Church during Advent. The names of our parishioners who are homebound are placed on the Jesse Tree for you to take and mail them a card. It is our way of saying "we are thinking of you!"

**December 14<sup>th</sup>** - Parish Reconciliation Service at 7:00 p.m. in the Church

**December 17<sup>th</sup>** - School Reconciliation Service from 8:45 to 11:30 a.m. in the Church

Christmas Eve Thursday 5:30 and 9:00 p.m.	<i>Christmas Mass Schedule</i>	Christmas Day Friday 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.
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### Jesse Tree

The Jesse Tree is in the Gathering Space of the Church. The Jesse tree symbolizes all of the sick and homebound in our parish family who are no longer able to attend our weekend liturgies. Please take a name from our Jesse Tree and send them a Christmas card wishing them the peace, joy, hope and love that the Christmas Season offers. If you know someone who might be comforted from our Jesse Tree list of names, please contact Mary at: 383-2783 or [mrandall@saintpats.org](mailto:mrandall@saintpats.org).

*May we all have a holy season of Advent as we prepare our hearts for Christmas.*

### Facilities Update

In case you haven't noticed, we recently upgraded the heat controls for the Church and School. Hopefully the heat will be more consistently regulated and energy efficient. Please let our ushers know if you notice anything unusual.

A temporary tenant will be moving into the rectory soon. Please be respectful of their privacy and parking in front of the garage. Big thanks to the team of volunteers who helped clean and scrub and make it a home.

**Flood Update** - We recently asked a professional to review the damage caused by the flood in the church basement. Based on his safety expertise we have submitted a claim with our insurance provider to replace the carpet and much of the drywall in the church basement. We hope to start and complete the renovation sometime in late January. Please pardon the inconvenience.

Negotiations on the cell tower agreement with Verizon continue - we're getting close. You may see a large lift in front of the church on Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, as they gather information they need to create replicas of the four spires.

### Cans 4US

There is a blue & orange container next to the recycling bin in the parking lot for the collection of aluminum cans.

The cans donated will be cashed in at a recycling center.

Proceeds will be donated to 4US.

### Outerwear Collection

Social Justice Ministry collects & distributes to the needy, coats, hats, gloves & clothing throughout the year.

Please put your donations in the bin in the Gathering Space.

### Is your marriage tearing you apart?

*Retrouvaille*, a Catholic Program, can help! Hundreds of couples have benefited from this program from all over the Archdiocese.

For information call: 206-706-2608  
or go to: [helpourmarriage.com](http://helpourmarriage.com)

### Pregnancy Aid

Social Justice Ministry continues to collect new or gently used infant and toddler clothing as well as baby bottles, formula, strollers and car seats for Pregnancy Aid.

A bin is in the Gathering Space for donations.

**Parish Councils and Commissions**

**Finance Council:** Georgeann Cukjati, **Pastoral Council:** Charles Christnacht, **Stewardship Commission:** Jim Rooks

**Parish Ministries**

**Adult Bible Study:** Deacon Bill Eckert  
**Altar Servers:** DJ and Laura Dougherty  
**Arts and Environment:** Leah Walker  
**Benedictine Spirituality:** Gavin MacHutchin  
**Cara to Cara:** Elaine Hilton  
**Children's Liturgy of the Word:** Lisa Beritich, Donna Anel  
**Children's Rosary:** Dianne Falk  
**Choir:** Bob McKamey  
**Daily Mass Set Up:** Jane McDonough  
**Eucharistic Adoration:** Bruce Stephen-Jordan  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Susan Campbell  
**Funeral Receptions:** Teresa Kilga, Molly Lane, Jackie Swift,  
**Grief Ministry:** Barbara Simpson  
**Health Ministry:** Dr. Garry Fitzgerald  
**Knights of Columbus:** Matondo Wawa  
**Lectors:** Chris Kradjan

**Library:** Marie Hollinshead, Tony Pepin  
**Men's Prayer Group:** Charles Christnacht  
**Prayer Shawl Ministry:** Anita Staeheli  
**PrimeTimers:** Gerry O'Leary, Joan Christnacht  
**ReMembering Church:** Leah Walker  
**Respect Life Group:** Paddy O'Halloran  
**Senior Ministry:** Joan Doherty  
**Sister Parish:** Florence Bucholz  
**Social Justice Group:** Bill White  
**Sunday Social Hour:** Clare Keller  
**St. Vincent de Paul:** Dolly Reed  
**Ushers:** Tony Karabaich  
**Walking with Purpose:** Megan McDaniel  
**Welcoming Committee:** Joanne Girolami  
**Young Professionals:**



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**If you're in the Church Hall or Gathering Space, Wi-Fi access is now available.**

For WiFi in the Church Hall and the Gathering Space use: **Saint Patrick**  
 The password for both is : **Shamrock**

**The weather is changing... Cant find your coat?- check the lost and found at Church.**  
 Lost one of your galoshes? - **check the lost and found at Church.** Rain hat? - Yep, one of those is here too.  
 Missing a shoe, sock, pacifier, pair of glasses, earring, travel coffee mug or baby bottle?  
**Check the lost and found at Church.**