

## Parish Calendar

**Sunday, December 6: Mass at 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.**

*Second Sunday in Advent*

*RCIA Rite of Acceptance at 8:30 a.m. Mass*



Second Sunday in Advent

Children's Liturgy - During Masses - Mtg. Rm.  
 Sunday Social Hour - St. Nicholas Celebration  
 Welcome Table in the Gathering Space  
 St. Vincent de Paul Collection  
 Children's Rosary Group - 11:30 a.m. - Mtg. Rm.  
 Family Based Catechesis - 9:30 a.m. - Center

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

Eucharistic Adoration - 3:00 - 6:45 p.m. - Chapel  
 Adult Bible Study - 7:00 p.m. - Center  
 Evening Prayer - 7:00 p.m. - Chapel

**Tuesday, December 8:**

*Feast of the Immaculate Conception*

*Masses at 8:45 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.*

RCIC - 7:00 p.m. - Center

**Wednesday, December 9:**

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

**Thursday, December 10: No Mass**

School Christmas Pageant - 6:30 p.m. - Church  
 RCIA - 7:00 p.m. - Center

**Friday, December 11: Mass at 7:45 a.m.**

Men's Prayer Group - 6:45 a.m. - Hall

**Saturday, December 12: Mass at 5:30 p.m.**

*CCS presentation at Mass*

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

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

*Third Sunday in Advent*

*CCS presentation at Masses*

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

## Parish Programs & Staff

**Pastoral Coordinator:** Kevin Lovejoy  
 ext. 4104 or kloveyjoy@saintpats.org

**Parish Priests:** Fr. Tom Lamanna S.J., Fr. John Fuchs S.J., Fr. Jerry Graham S.J.  
 ext. 4100 or parish@saintpats.org

**Deacon:** Bill Eckert  
 ext. 4100 or parish@saintpats.org

**School Principal:** Chris Gavin  
 272-2297 ext. 4131 or cgavin@saintspats.org

**Pastoral Assistant for Funerals, Liturgy & Pastoral Care:**  
 Mary Randall  
 ext. 4109 or mrandall@saintpats.org

**Pastoral Assistant for Faith Formation:** Kim Ward  
 ext. 4108 or kward@saintpats.org

**Pastoral Assistant for Evangelization / Engagement:**  
 Sandra Kuharic  
 ext. 4100 or skuharic@saintpats.org

**Pastoral Assistant for Baptism :** Amy Waller  
 ext. 4113 or baptism@saintpats.org

**Pastoral Assistant for Music:** Bob McKamey  
 ext. 4100 or parish@saintpats.org

**Pastoral Assistant for Youth Ministry and Confirmation:** Joe & Anna Skillman  
 ext. 4107 or youth@saintpats.org

**Parish / School Development Director:**  
 Christy Johnson  
 ext.4118 or cjohnson@saintpats.org

**Parish / School Information and Technology:**  
 Eugene Lao  
 272-2297 ext. 4111 or elao@saintpats.org

**Maintenance:** Gaylon Adams  
 ext. 4116 or gadams@saintpats.org

**Parish / School Bookkeeper:** Michelle Carpenter  
 ext. 4103 or mcarpenter@saintpats.org

**Administrative Assistant/Bulletin:** Mary Levenson  
 ext. 4100 or parish@saintpats.org

### *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>\$22,199</b>	<b>\$454,146</b>	<b>\$395,935</b>
	Year to date - <b>(\$58,211)</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  
Diane Fehl  
Suzanne Gardner*

*Joanne Girolami  
Gina Hernandez  
Ione Hughes  
Polly Martinez  
Haley Marston  
Beth Mill*

*Angie Olson  
Carol Pfeiffer  
Debbie Rupert  
Zachary Rusk  
Ingrid Skeldon  
Betty Solberg*

### Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 5 - RIP Amy Alexeev  
Sunday, December 6 - RIP Harry Darby Trotter  
Monday, December 7 - RIP Dick Boulanger  
Tuesday, December 8 - *Immaculate Conception*  
Wednesday, December 9 - *Communion Service*  
Thursday, December 10 - RIP Fr. Louis Renner, S.J.  
Friday, December 11 - RIP Fr. Bill Bichsel, S.J.  
Saturday, December 12 - Intentions of Fr. Jim Poole  
Sunday, December 13 - RIP Nick Beritich

### St. Vincent de Paul

Our parish is blessed with significant demographic diversity. While many of us live comfortably, a significant number within our Parish boundaries are not nearly so fortunate. Collecting monetary donations the first weekend of each month is the primary source of funding for the St. Patrick Chapter of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Any help you can give is greatly appreciated. Our next collection will take place this weekend, December 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> after all Masses.

### 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>.**



### Sock Collection

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

### 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 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**

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

## Sister Parish Update

Father Libardo, pastor of our sister parish Saint Wenceslaus in Bogota, Colombia, recently sent an e-mail expressing the pleasure and appreciation of the mutual sharing of our spiritual parish activities.

The parishioners of St. Wenceslaus pray for all of the intentions and needs of the three new Jesuit priests and for all members of Saint Patrick.

He shared with us parish happenings that occurred in conjunction with the Feast of Saint Wenceslaus.

The Saint Wenceslaus Parish has been selected to celebrate this Year of Mercy that Pope Francis has called for. On the 13<sup>th</sup> of December the Episcopal Vicar (Bishop) will solemnly open the door of their parish so that parishioners from the Archdiocese can come to celebrate the Jubilee of Mercy until November, 2016. Their parish will be a place of pilgrimage.

They had the consecration of 100 Eucharistic ministers, 38 from their parish, the sacrament of Confirmation of 78 young people and first Communion of 50 children. They were truly moments of grace.

153 young children were consecrated as child missionaries to their families, their peers, their schoolmates and their communities. In the last five years they have trained almost 400 youngsters in this tremendous ministry which is called "Infancia Misionera", the pride of Saint Wenceslaus Parish.

They celebrated Thanksgiving day with us in spirit during morning Mass. We will be celebrating by Skype a Christmas Novena with the members of our mutual parish committees on Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 P.M. at the home of Harold and Florence Bucholz.

He closes sending wishes that the blessings of God be with us.

### A Special Need for a Special Ministry

Catholic Pastoral Care,  
a ministry sponsored by the  
Catholic parishes  
of the Pierce County Deanery,  
is in need of additional  
Eucharistic Ministers  
to provide visits and Eucharist  
on weekends to Catholics  
who are hospitalized at Tacoma General,  
Mary Bridge, and Allenmore hospitals.

Schedule depends on your availability.  
For additional information, contact Kay Bowen at:  
(253) 232-2049 or katetbowen@gmail.com



*Feast of the  
Immaculate  
Conception  
of the  
Blessed Virgin*

*A Holy Day  
of Obligation*

*Masses at  
8:45 a.m.  
and 7:00 p.m.*



### 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.:

December 9  
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.



## 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

## St. Nicholas Celebration



**Join us for  
fellowship, snacks and children's crafts  
in the Church Hall,  
immediately following  
the 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.  
Masses TODAY, December 6<sup>th</sup>.**

*Prepare for the birth of Jesus!*

## 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.

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.**

Dec. 13  
Jan. 10, 24  
Feb. 7, 21  
Mar. 6, 20

Dates subject to change depending on when Confirmation is scheduled.



Living your Strengths  
during the  
2<sup>nd</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.

“During those days, Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the child leaped in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit...”  
(Luke 1: 39-42)

When have I been inspired to do something special for someone knowing it would require me to do it quickly, with expense to myself in time or money (or both) that stretched my comfort zone?

What talent strengths did I use during that inspiration?

How did that event help me to grow in faith with responding quickly to the Holy Spirit?

People strong in

*Connectedness Strength*

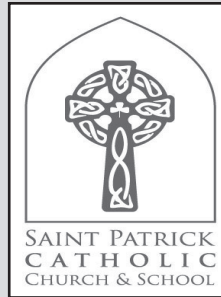
have faith in the links between all things. They believe there are few coincidences and that almost every event has a reason.

Christmas Vigil Mass - Calling the Wonderful Children of the Church!

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. We also need adults/parents to assist; be rewarded with school volunteer hours, early Mass seating, and precious Christmas memories. We look forward to your participation in this beautiful tradition!

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.**

2016-2017 Admissions

The 2016/17 admissions season has begun! We hope you are spreading the word to your friends and family about what a great place St. Patrick Catholic School is for families.

Please also let them know about the upcoming Welcome Wednesday:

Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>  
from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

To RSVP, please call the school office at:  
(253) 272-2297

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.

Contact scrip@saintpats.org with any questions.

Scrip

funny word...easy fundraising



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

As of December 3, 2015 - 296 parishioners have pledged - please join this community of stewards who have pledged by completing your 2016 Stewardship of Treasure Commitment 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	Eddie & Michelle Carpenter	Garry & Cathleen Fitzgerald
Matthew & Stacey Allore	Shirley Carstens	Julie Foley
Kim Althoff	James M. & Elizabeth Catalinich	Pearl Fors
Frank J. & Rosalie Amann	Robert & Theresa Ceccarelli	Michael & Maureen Freeman
James R. Andersen & Mary Lobdell	Jack & Anne Chambers	Tom & Margaret Gallagher
Jerry Anderson	Sue Chouinard	Cesar & Linda Garcia
Karen Anderson	Charles & Suzanne Christnacht	Suzanne Gardner
Richard & Carol Anning	Joan Christnacht	Michael & Katherine Garrison
German D. Anulacion	David & Mary Ann Clabaugh	Randy & Sherree Gause
Joanne Armour	Pierson & Sara Clair	Chris & Doreen Gavin
David & Dixie Lee Atkinson	Sheree Clark	Rosalie George
William & Marilyn Bailey, Jr.	James & Mary Beth Clavenna	Stephen & Kathryn Gernon
Jeffrey Ball	Mollie Cleary	Philip & Lisa Girolami
Dan & Cheryl Balmelli	John R. & Angela Y. Connelly, Jr.	Dolores Glump
Robert & Helen Batie	Christopher Constantine & Molly Hagan	Mark & Cheryl Gosselin
David & Iris Beardemphl	Ferdinand & Andrea Cruz	Barbara Gruber
Richard & Karla Benedetti	Georgeann ukjati	Gerry Gunovich
Joel M. & Lisa Beritich	Don & Marcella Cummins	Richard & Patricia Hahn
Robert & Kathleen Bethke	Theodore D'Afflisio	Brent & Shannon Hall
Joshua & Meaghan Bihun	Jamie & Wynter Dait	Denton & Judy Hanford
Raymond & Barbara Bolanos	Donald & Joan Day	James & Jill Hanson
Blake & Sharrie Bolton	Virginia Delyanis	Marlene Harnish
Yvonne Boscovich	Joann Devlin	Scott & Theresa Harris
John & Vivian Bosse	Joseph & Monica Kiehl Devlin	John & Jennie Hautala
Michael & Sarah Boyd	Kushal & Mary Dhesi	Claire Hayes
Ellen Brady	Mike & Judy Dillinger	Alan & Gabrielle Campagna Heckler
Marlena Breite	Robert & Lisa Dini	H. Eugene & Linda Heiser
Jennifer Brennan	Diane Doherty	Mark & Kim Hendrickson
Debora Brese	Frank & Joan Doherty	Andrew & Jacqueline Henrikson
David & Michele Britton	Terry & Mary Donahue	Barbara Hepfer
Dennis & Laurie Brooke	Donald & Laura Dougherty	Al & Kathy Hicks
Charles & Margaret Brown	Dave & Ginny Douglas	Robert & Cheryl Hoffman
Robert & Karen Bruback	Helen Downey	Brendan & Kelli Hogarty
Constance L. Bryant	Sean & Jennifer Drew	French & Susan Holbrook
Harold G. & Florence Bucholz	Virgil & Josephine Duyungan	Joy Holmes
Kathleen Bucholz & Andy Moore	Mark & Denise Dynan	Thomas Holt
Don & Beth Bucsko	Don & Ann Marie Eberhart	Laurie Horn
Andrea Burns	William & Barbara Eckert	Karl & Monica Ilacqua
Jeannette Burton	Stephen & Anne Enquist	Nancy Jaenicke
Jon Calder	Dennis Faker	Matthew & Jocelyn Jamora
Susan J. Campbell	Dianne Mrs. Falk	Carolyn H. Jenkins
Aaron & Caitlin Carl	Michael & Julia Fallon	Mark & Sheila Jensen
Beatrice Carmichael	Dianne Fehl	Philip H. & Anne Marie Jesse
	Gail Ferry	Barry A. & Tessa Johnson
	Norman & Patricia Fiacchi	Liu & Christy Johnson
	David & Mary Kay Firestine	William & Kristine Johnston
	Virginia Fiske	Paul & Julie Joyce
	Julie Fitchitt	Robert & Ann Kahr
		Leilane & Heather Kaleiwahea
		Toni Kanzler
		Anton & Lorraine Karabaich

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



## 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.”**

If you haven't done so already, please consider downloading "Myparishapp" during this Advent Season. This is a great way to make the Advent season more present in your daily lives with seasonal reflections, reminders and daily readings.

## 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 Allison Kinyon at: [wwp@saintpats.org](mailto:wwp@saintpats.org) or (253) 223-2957. *We hope you can join us!*

A STUDY OF THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

TOUCHING  
The  
DIVINE

Walking with Purpose

## 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 13th 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.

## 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.

## Get the Latest Parish News

**Like us on Facebook -**  
<https://www.facebook.com/stpatschurch>

**Follow us on Twitter -**  
<https://www.twitter.com/saintpatstacoma>

**Follow us on Instagram -**  
<https://www.instagram.com/saintpatstacoma/>

**Download my Parish App -**  
<http://www.myparishapp.com>

**Visit us on the Web -**  
<https://www.saintpats.org>



## *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 6<sup>th</sup>** - The Patrick School Parents Club will sponsor a St. Nicholas Day Celebration after Mass in the Church Hall. Supplies will be available for children to make Christmas crafts and gifts.

**December 8<sup>th</sup>** - The Feast of the Immaculate Conception.  
Masses will be held at 8:45 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

**December 10<sup>th</sup>** - St. Patrick School Pageant will be at 6:30 p.m. in the Church Hall.

**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.

### *Christmas Mass Schedule*

Christmas Day  
Friday  
8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

### Jesse Tree

The Jesse Tree is in the Gathering Space of the Church beginning the first weekend of Advent. 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.*

### 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.

### Adopt a family for the holidays through Catholic Community Services

Supporting Catholic Community Services' Adopt-a-Family program is a fun and effective way to build team spirit in your workplace or community and to help families in need.

The holidays can be a challenging time for families living in poverty; parents hope to create a festive atmosphere while struggling to meet basic needs. You will be provided with a list of family members, their ages, clothing sizes & needs and wishes.

Gift baskets should be delivered to CCS at 1323 S. Yakima Ave, December 21<sup>st</sup>, between 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.



To adopt a family,  
e-mail Allison at:  
[adoptafamily@ccsww](mailto:adoptafamily@ccsww)

OF WESTERN WASHINGTON

### 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.

*Thank you parishioners-Many hands make light work!*

**Thank you!**

It's Advent and with that comes the replacement of the 600 missals in the pews.

Thank you to the following ministries and members for their help!

**Daily Mass members:** Cheryl Hoffman, Dave Beardemphl, Theresa Ceccarelli, Mollie Cleary, Joan Christnacht & Jane McDonough;

**Knights of Columbus:** Mike Prichard & Mark Jensen;

**Sister Parish:** Jim O'Neill; **Choir:** Bob McKamey & Kim Althoff,

**Arts and Environment:** Leah Walker & Tyler Oliver;

**Ushers and Greeters:** Lynda Morley, Terry Manley, Laura Sanchez and family, Bill Garl, Earl & Wendy Sodeman, Mark Dynan & Tony Karabaich.



**A few words of appreciation -**

We wish to point out our new Advent Wreath stand which allows everyone a better view of the wreath and candles that will be lit each Sunday during Advent.

Pat Wood both designed and built the beautiful stand as a gift to the parish after going through our RCIA process last Easter.

We are so blessed to have such a fine craftsman in our parish.

*Thank you, Pat, for sharing your talent so generously.*

**Honoring our Sacred Space**

Honoring our Sacred Space is something we do well at St. Patrick and at this special holiday time, I would like to take the time to thank everyone who makes this possible.

First, thank you to all who contribute to the "Flower Fund" using the green envelopes.

This is our sole decorating budget and covers everything from the actual flowers in the sanctuary to the Christmas trees, palms for Palms Sunday, banners, etc.

We couldn't do it without you. (It's not too late to contribute if you would like.)

None of this happens without the physical help of many loyal parishioners and I thank you from the bottom of my heart!

I would especially like to recognize Jane McDonough for tending to the flowers after daily Mass;

Rob and Diane Rieder and Suzanne Gardner (all who wish to remain anonymous)

for their planting and tireless watering of the plants in front of the church, giving it a warmer, friendlier look;

Virginia Fiske for keeping the votive candles fresh and ready for use at various celebrations;

Lorraine Karabaich for her beautiful art works and printing skills;

Tyler Oliver for his long suffering lugging and hauling things around the church for his grandmother and

Marylee Owen who professes her top strength is "invisibility"

but is there faithfully to do anything that is needed.

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPS MAKE OUR CHURCH SO BEAUTIFUL!!!**

*Leah, Arts and Environment Committee*

**Lighthouse Catholic Media**

We continue to offer our parishioners Inspiring recorded presentations by leading Catholic clergy, theologians and lay speakers from Lighthouse Catholic Media.

These present a practical and effective program to help Catholics **to know their faith - to keep their faith!**

A donation of \$3.00 is suggested.

Please place your contribution in an envelope labeled "Spiritual CD donation" and give it to an usher, or place it in the collection basket.

We feel these Spiritual CD's are a valuable resource that help parishioners deepen their relationship with Jesus, please stop by and take a look for yourself.

## The Year of Mercy

The Year of Mercy begins on the Solemnity of Mary's Immaculate Conception. Pope Francis chose this date because it also marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the conclusion of the Second Vatican Council.

Thus the Year of Mercy in light of the Council, when "the walls which for too long had made the Church a kind of fortress were torn down and the time had come to proclaim the Gospel in a new way... The Church sensed a responsibility to be a living sign of the Father's love in the world" (Pope Francis).



Read more about the Year of Mercy at the official web page for the Jubilee:  
<http://www.iubilaeummisericordiae.va/content/gdm/en.html>

### Pope Francis' Prayer for the Jubilee Year of Mercy

Lord Jesus Christ,  
 you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father,  
 and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him.  
 Show us your face and we will be saved.  
 Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money;  
 the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things;  
 made Peter weep after his betrayal,  
 and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.  
 Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us,  
 the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman:  
 "If you knew the gift of God!"  
 You are the visible face of the invisible Father,  
 of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy:  
 let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified.  
 You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness  
 in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error:  
 let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.  
 Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing,  
 so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord,  
 and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor,  
 proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed,  
 and restore sight to the blind.  
 We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy,  
 you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.  
 Amen.



**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:**



SAINT PATRICK  
CATHOLIC  
CHURCH & SCHOOL

For more information, please contact the Parish Center at 253-383-2783,  
 email: [parish@saintpats.org](mailto:parish@saintpats.org), fax: 253-627-5396 or visit our website at [www.saintpats.org](http://www.saintpats.org)



**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.**