

Parish Calendar

**Sunday, February 21: Mass at 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.**

*Second Sunday of Lent*

Children's Liturgy - During Masses - Mtg. Rm.  
 Sunday Social Hour - PrimeTimers  
 Family Based Catechesis - 9:00 a.m. - Center  
 Sac. Prep Eucharistic Class 1 & 2 - Noon - Church  
 Youth Group - 4:00 p.m. - Center  
 Confirmation Class - 6:00 p.m. - Center

**Monday, February 22: Mass at 7:45 a.m.**

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

**Tuesday, February 23: Mass at 7:45 a.m.**

RCIC - 6:45 p.m. - Center  
 KC Business Mtg. - 7:00 p.m. - Hall  
 Guest Speaker - 7:00 p.m. - Center

**Wednesday, February 24:**

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

Social Justice - 6:30 p.m. - Center  
 Finance Council - 7:00 p.m. - Center

**Thursday, February 25: Mass at 8:45 a.m.**

RCIA - 7:00 p.m. - Center  
 Walking with Purpose - 7:00 p.m. - Hall

**Friday, February 26: Mass at 7:45 a.m.**

Men's Prayer Group - 6:45 a.m. - Hall  
 Walking with Purpose - 9:00 a.m. - Hall  
 Reconciliation - 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. - Church  
 Stations of the Cross - 7:00 p.m. - Church

**Saturday, February 27: Mass at 5:30 p.m.**

KC Java Script - 8:30 a.m. - Center  
 Reconciliation - 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. - Church

**Sunday, February 28: Mass at 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.**

*Third Sunday in Lent*

*RCIA First Scrutiny at 8:30 a.m. Mass*

Children's Liturgy - During Masses - Mtg. Rm.  
 Sunday Social Hour - School  
 Family Based Catechesis - 9:00 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>\$14,969</b>	<b>\$681,219</b>	<b>\$620,898</b>
Year to date - <b>(\$60,321)</b>			

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

## Welcome Visitors!



If you are a visitor to St. Patrick Catholic Church, we want you to know how welcome you are - Whether you came from across the world or another parish in Tacoma - *we are so happy you are here!*  
 Our parish is a wonderful, dynamic community and there is so much more!  
 Our parishioners are very welcoming, they love meeting new people -  
 if you have a question about St. Patrick, ask anyone, they will be glad to help!  
*Know that you always have a place to worship  
 and a community to belong to at St. Patrick Catholic Church.*

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

*Carol Adams  
 David Atkinson  
 Donna Bechtle  
 Chris Birmingham  
 Marlena Breite  
 Beatrice Carmichel  
 Jimmy Collins*

*Monica Cosmos  
 Suzanne Gardner  
 Joanne Girolami  
 Fr. Pete Henriot, S.J.  
 Monica Ilacqua  
 Rose Landeis*

*Haley Marston  
 Polly Martinez  
 Beth Mills  
 Carol Pfeiffer  
 Ingrid Skeldon  
 Betty Solberg  
 Jeannine Sturman*



Please pray for the repose of the soul of  
***Meeka Bruenn***

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

### Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 20 - RIP James Gardner  
 Sunday, February 21 - RIP Adair Johnson  
 Monday, February 22 - RIP Don Becker  
 Tuesday, February 23 - RIP Richard Gustafson  
 Wednesday, February 24 - ***Communion Service***  
 Thursday, February 25 - RIP Al Hayes  
 Friday, February 26 - RIP Fr. Peter Titland  
 Saturday, February 27 - RIP Luke Beardemphl  
 Sunday, February 28 - Intentions of Jim Rooks

Join us for Daily Mass -  
 A wonderful 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



### Hungering for the Journey

Join our parish community and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the country -  
 in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl.  
 Remember, what you give up for Lent changes lives.

**Your family can travel the world this Lent - without leaving the dinner table.**

Let CRS Rice Bowl be your ticket to global solidarity as you **pray, fast, learn** and **give** this Lent  
 in order to change the lives of our brothers and sisters in need.

All you need is a CRS Rice Bowl and a Lenten Calendar.

**Pray** using the Lenten Calendar and the CRS Rice Bowl app.

**Fast** together. How will your family's Lenten fasting affect your lives today, tomorrow and after Lent?

**Learn** about the people for whom this week's Lenten prayers are being offered.

**Give** the suggested donation to your CRD Rice Bowl from the Lenten Calendar.

## Parish and Deanery Planning Update

*These are intriguing times for our Church, as we address shifting demographics and resources that impact our faith community. Healthy organizations see uncertainty and challenges not as “problems” but rather as “opportunities” and Saint Patrick Parish, and our Pierce Deanery are wisely taking the time and effort to deliberately stop, think, discern and plan for our future. We have all benefitted from the wise planning and stewardship of countless Catholics who came before us and built our current church; now its our time to plan for future generations of Pierce County Catholics.*

At the Parish level, our Long Range Planning team of Jim Rooks, Deacon Bill Eckert, Joan Christnacht, Kim Ward, Sandra Kuharic, Chuck Woods, Bryce Comfort and Christ Gavin, under the expert guidance of Barbara Eckert (Senior Leadership Consultant - Catholic Leadership Institute) recently formulated our Purpose Statement, and our Team Values. Next in the planning process is determining the most effective means to obtain feedback and input from parishioners.

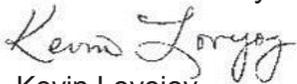
As the Parish Long Range Planning team is discerning/discovering the “mission that has us” we are simultaneously being asked by the Archdiocese and Pierce Deanery to address the challenge of asking existing parishes to begin re-thinking what it means to be a “church community”, looking beyond our traditional parish boundary models, to see if there are ways current parish communities can collaborate and partner with one another to better serve the collective needs of Catholics in Pierce County (e.g. combined Vacation Bible School, youth groups, and RCIA programs, shared bookkeepers or custodial services). The Deanery is also asking parish leaders to dialogue with parishioners to obtain their thoughts regarding the benefits and challenges associated with alternative parish leadership models.

On Jan 14, 2016, 150 Catholic leaders from Pierce Deanery attended a recent Deanery gathering. Representatives from Saint Patrick included Kim Ward, Deacon Bill Eckert, Bob Bruback, Charles Christnacht, Lisa Schomogyi, Nina Monghan, Chris Gavin, Kevin Lovejoy and Father Jerry Graham. A follow up convocation is scheduled for April 14, 2016. Prior to the April convocation, all parishes are asked to meet with their parishioners at the grass roots level to hear from the bottom up their thoughts of (1) how parishes could collaborate with nearby communities, and (2) what they think about potential new models of parish leadership.

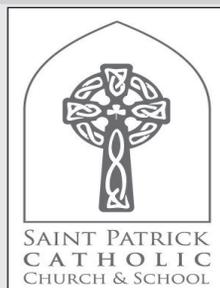
So the bottom-line is this. Simultaneous planning is taking place, one is a plan to discern and discover the mission/future for Saint Patrick; the other is to plan and discern how that mission/future relates to the greater Catholic Community of Pierce County. We look forward to your participation in the process.

As always, please let us know what you’re thinking by contacting me directly or through the parish center.

Saint Patrick Pray For Us.



Kevin Lovejoy  
Pastoral Coordinator



**MEETING CHRIST**

**KNOWING CHRIST**

**SERVING CHRIST**

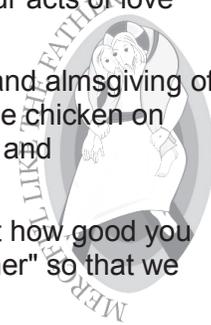
## Moments of Mercy

Moments of Mercy offer brief reflections on mercy and suggestions of how we can live out the mercy that God offers us all. These are perfect for busy days since they help us to slow down for just a few minutes and think about the gifts God has blessed us with and how we can share them.

As Catholics we take up the Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving every year. These practices help us to remember the merciful love and compassion that God shows all people. Participating in these practices, we journey toward repentance with our community and God and toward the celebration of the Paschal Mystery of our Lord. We do not make this journey alone. The whole Church prepares for the celebration and together, along with those who are preparing to enter the Church at the Easter Vigil, we try to live more faithfully to God's call to be merciful, loving, and compassionate to those around us. Our acts of love through sacrifice and prayer are a tangible witness of God's love to those around us.

1. Spend some time in reflection about why you choose to participate in the prayer, fasting, and almsgiving of the Church during this Lenten season. Next time someone asks you why you aren't eating the chicken on Friday in the lunchroom, you'll be better prepared to share your belief in God who is merciful and compassionate.

2. Share with someone what your Lenten practices will be this year. This is not to brag about how good you are at following Christ, rather, it allows us to each have something of an "accountability partner" so that we can strive to be a more credible witness to our faith.



### Living your Strengths during the Lenten Season

For the second Sunday of Lent let us ponder how this Scripture passage and the reflection questions that follow, draw me closer to the Lord.

*Jesus took Peter, John and James and went up the mountain to pray. While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and Elijah... Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep, but becoming fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. ...Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." But he did not know what he was saying..."*

Luke 9:28b-36

When was I singled out to participate in an event that was with a person or persons of great honor, and during that event, it became clear that I was in way over my head? How did my emotional roller coaster of pride to humility cause me to feel?

How did my Strengths help me to not only survive the experience, but to grow as a person of faith?

*"As each one of us has received a gift,  
use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace."*

(1 Peter 4:10)

People strong in *Includer Strength*  
are accepting of others. They show awareness for those who feel left out,  
and make an effort to include them.

The Catholic Cemetery has always held a very special place in Church tradition and Liturgy.

Tacoma's only cemetery recognized by the Archdiocese of Seattle

as dedicated for Catholics by Bishop Edward O'Dea,

Calvary Cemetery has served families of the Pierce County area since 1905

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Feel free to contact us at: 253-472-8875 or calvarytacoma@yahoo.com

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### Stations of the Cross

7:00 p.m. - February 26<sup>th</sup>, March 4<sup>th</sup>, March 11<sup>th</sup>  
 7:30 p.m. - March 18<sup>th</sup>  
 3:00 p.m. - March 25<sup>th</sup>

### Reconciliation

The Light is On - Fridays - 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
 Saturdays - 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. (excluding Holy Saturday)  
 Parish Reconciliation - March 14<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 p.m.

### Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Doors at St. James Cathedral

March 6<sup>th</sup> - Bus departs the Church at 2:00 p.m.  
 Returns at 6:00 p.m.  
 Please RSVP to the Parish Center

### Fish Dinner

benefitting the Tacoma Dominican Sisters  
 March 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.



## Holy Week

### Palm Sunday

March 20<sup>th</sup>  
 Mass at 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.  
 Gather in the Courtyard before 10:30 a.m. Mass  
 for the Blessing of the Palms

### Mass of the Lords Supper

Holy Thursday - March 24<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 p.m.

### The Lords Passion

Good Friday - March 25<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 p.m.

### Easter Vigil

Holy Saturday - March 26<sup>th</sup> - 8:00 p.m.

### Resurrection of our Lord

Easter Sunday - March 27<sup>th</sup>  
 Mass at 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

## Lenten Opportunity

*Are you searching for a deeper sense of purpose?  
 A clearer understanding of God's plan for your life?  
 What matters most and what matters least?*

**Then it's time to rediscover Jesus.**

Based on Matthew Kelly's new bestseller *Rediscover Jesus*,  
*(the book you received as you left Christmas Mass)*

Dynamic Catholic's free Best Lent Ever email program will take you on a spiritual journey to encounter Jesus - and yourself - in a deeply personal way, and begin (or nourish) a habit of daily prayer. Throughout Lent, they will guide you through the 40 chapters in *Rediscover Jesus* and share simple ways to bring Jesus into your everyday life.

**All you have to do is sign up at: [DynamicCatholic.com/Lent](http://DynamicCatholic.com/Lent)**

If you missed getting a book we have a supply in the Church vestibule and at the Parish Center.

**Be Bold. Be Catholic.**

## Fasting and Abstinence

On all Fridays during Lent, all persons fourteen and older are bound by the law of abstinence (ie. no meat).

On Good Friday, all those who are eighteen, and not yet fifty-nine, are also bound by the law of fasting.  
 (ie., one main meal, two small meals and nothing in between).

*Catholics may want to voluntarily fast or abstain from other foods  
 or perhaps making an offering to charity of the money  
 they would have otherwise spent for food, drink or recreation.*

## 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.

## 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.

Thank you St. Patrick parishioners for your generous and continued support of our ongoing food drive.

*We are making a difference!*



**Pregnancy Aid Social Justice Ministry** continues to collect new or gently used infant and toddler clothing as well as baby bottles, formula, diapers, strollers and car seats for Pregnancy Aid. A bin is in the Gathering Space for donations.

## 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 Cornerstone

The Cornerstone e-newsletter is the newest parish communication published weekly for the St. Patrick Church community.

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.

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



## Get the Latest Parish News

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**Download my Parish App -**

<http://www.myparishapp.com>

**Visit us on the Web -**

<https://www.saintpats.org>



St. Patrick Church has an app for iPhone and Android smart phones!

Join in and stay connected with us all week long.

My Parish Apps great features will be a help to all of us, such as, daily Mass readings, Catholic news, prayers and prayer reminders, quick access to online giving, confession reminders and our weekly bulletin.

Be sure to download the App today by visiting

**[myparishapp.com](http://myparishapp.com)**

or searching for my parish your phone's App store.

## Loved this weekend's homily so much you wanted to hear it again?

St. Patrick Catholic Church has entered the digital age with homilies on demand.

Homilies are now available on the website for you to listen to again (and again) and listen deeply (and more deeply) each time you hit play.

You can subscribe to St. Patrick Catholic Church on YouTube for easy access to the Homily.

*Listen to the weekend's homily again; you may hear something you missed the first time.*

## Prayer Request

*Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition,  
with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.*

Philippians 4:6

Do you need prayers for yourself or someone you love?

*It is as simple as asking. Anyone can put someone forth for prayer.*

How Do I Request a Prayer?

*Prayer requests can be made in several ways.*

*Send us the request using one of the ways listed below  
and we'll add your request to our prayer list.*

Contact the parish at: parish@saintpats.org or 253-383-2783

Send a prayer request through myParish - the app for your phone

Submit a prayer request through our website at: www.saintpats.org

Who Does the Praying?

*Several ministry groups in the parish currently pray for the intentions received.  
The goal is to have the Prayer Line Ministry have a group of prayers.*

Are you feeling called to pray for the intentions of a fellow parishioner?

This is one form of pastoral care we can provide to each other.

If you are interested

please call the Parish Center at:253-383-2783

## REACH Reunion...Building on Generations for a Bright Future

Our goal is to re-engage alumni, celebrate enrolled families, cherish parishioners,  
and introduce our school to prospective families.



REACH Reunion...Building on Generations for a Bright Future  
is our opportunity to support our beloved school.

With your support, we will reach our goal to raise \$300,000.

**We are looking forward to seeing you at REACH Reunion on April 16, 2016.**

## 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.

Feb. 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.**

Feb. 21

Mar. 6, 20



## 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: [wpp@saintpats.org](mailto:wpp@saintpats.org) or 253-383-2783. *We hope you can join us!*



## Prayer Shawl Ministry - Evening knitting!

The Prayer Shawl Ministry invites you to Monday Night Knitting/Crocheting.

**Our next meeting will be February 22<sup>nd</sup>  
at 7:00 p.m., in the Parish Center.**

We are hoping this will allow those of you who cannot come during the day an opportunity to join our fun filled group. Remember, if you do not know how to knit or crochet we would be happy to teach you.

## Senior Ministry - XYZ Extra years of zest

Please join us for First Friday Mass and anointing of the sick, at 11:00 a.m. Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup> followed by a luncheon, fellowship and a bit of Irish Humor.

Dessert donations are always appreciated, and transportation is available by calling the parish office at 383-2783.

## 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 parish 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.

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

## 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.

## Social Justice

Social Justice Ministry meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at of the Parish Center.

*Join us!*

## News From Your Health Ministry

The goal of the Health Ministry is to become a "Blue Zone Parish" where faith and wellness go hand in hand to assist each parishioner in becoming the whole person Christ intended them to be.

What exactly is a Blue Zone? In 2005, National Geographic identified five places in the world where people live longer and healthier, without medications and disabilities. These places became known as Blue Zones, and researchers have found that these people live a lifestyle that includes a healthful diet with daily exercise, and they place an emphasis on family, purpose and religion.

To learn more about becoming a Blue Zone Parish, and for creative meatless recipes visit the St. Pats Cornerstone online newsletter. Any family or individual that goes meatless on all Fridays in Lent will be eligible for a drawing for a \$100 gift card from Metropolitan Market.

SAINT PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH PRESENTS

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On Care for Our Common Home

*Praise Be To You*

**LAUDATO SI**

AN ENCYCLICAL LETTER OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS

**Exploring the Pope's Letter on the Environment**  
**LAUDATO SI**  
**"On Care For Our Common Home"**

Professor Catherine Punsalan-Manlimos  
 Director of the Institute for Catholic Thought & Culture at Seattle University

**February 23, 2016**  
**7 PM**

**Saint Patrick Catholic Church's Parish Center**

*FREE and open to the public. No registration required.*

1001 North J Street  
 Tacoma, WA 98403  
 253-383-2783

 [www.saintpats.org](http://www.saintpats.org)



## Pregnancy Aid of Tacoma

We have been working with and serving thousands of families in Tacoma for the past 40 years, encouraging them to carry their babies to term and helping support that decision.

As you are discerning what agencies to support please consider helping Pregnancy Aid.

For more information please call at 253-383-4100.



**KNIGHTS**  
**OF COLUMBUS**  
 IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Knights of Columbus invite all parish members to their Rosary Potluck on Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Church Hall.

Families with the last name beginning with A-H bring a hot dish, I-O bring a side dish and P-Z bring a desert.

## 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, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:45 p.m.**

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

## Lent in the atrium.

At the very beginning of Lent we bury papers with the word "Alleluia" beautifully decorated by the children.

We change our prayer corner cloth to purple, the color the Church uses to represent this waiting time of Lent.

We pray with the parable of the Good Shepherd, remembering that we are called by name and loved by God.

We learn about the location of Jesus' passion, death, and resurrection by showing the City of Jerusalem.

We celebrate the Last Supper by reenacting it and hearing, once again, the words of love that Jesus gave us at this meal

*"Take, and eat, this is my body, broken for you.*

*Take and drink, this is my blood poured out for you.*

*Do this in memory of me."*

The children are filled with joy and peace when they have their time in the atrium to work with these materials.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd at St. Patrick Parish.



**CRISIS CAN TURN YOUR WORLD UPSIDE DOWN**

**Are you called to help those in crisis turn their world right side up?  
Stephen Ministry may be for you!**

We all experience challenges in life – times when we could benefit from support. In many cases, Stephen Ministers can provide a caring Christian friend who listens, prays and encourages when we are faced with a crisis or difficulty.

Our Pastoral Council has carefully considered and approved the adoption of Stephen Ministry as an important outreach under the umbrella of pastoral care.

The first step is to identify parishioners who have a heart for this work.

As more information is presented, please consider whether your spiritual gifts call you to join this team.

**What is Stephen Ministry?**

At Saint Patrick’s Catholic Church it is our mission to be a witness of mercy to all people.

Stephen Ministry equips lay-people to provide one-to-one Christian care to those in our parish and community who are experiencing difficulties in their lives.

**A Stephen Minister Is ...**

A parish member who walks beside someone who is hurting.

A layperson that receives 65 hours of training in providing high quality, distinctively Christian care. Someone who meets faithfully each week with his or her care receiver for as long as there’s a need.

**Stephen Ministry Multiplies Ministry**

Priests will always be on the front line of care during times of crisis.

Although St. Patrick is blessed with three amazing part-time priests, there are many more needs for ongoing, one-to-one care than they can meet.

Stephen Ministry provides a thoroughly biblical solution – equipping God’s people for ministry.

**Interested in Learning More?**

Please let your interest be known by completing the information below and placing it in the collection basket

You may also contact:

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Have you been trained as a Stephen Minister, Cabrini Minister or similar calling in another church?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_



**STEPHEN  
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# AHOY MATES AND LADIES TOO!

## Our Annual CORN BEEF AND CABBAGE DINNER

sponsored by our  
Knights of Columbus  
will take place on

**SUNDAY, MARCH 13<sup>TH</sup>  
IN THE CHURCH HALL.**

**DINNER WILL BE SERVED FROM  
1:30 TO 6:00 P.M.**

Entertainment will include the

### SHIFTY SAILORS,

a singing group from Whidbey Island,  
and the

### IRISH DANCERS.

**ENTERTAINMENT WILL BEGIN AT  
2:00 AND LAST UNTIL 5:30 P.M.**

Come early and stay late as you won't want to miss  
any the festivities planned in honor of our patron  
Saint Patrick.

Price of the dinner is

**\$10.00 PER PERSON OR  
\$25.00 PER FAMILY.**

In addition to the corn beef dinner,  
hot dogs and potato chips are also available for  
those who don't want the full meal deal.

Ticket prices remain the same.

Advance tickets can be purchased in the  
Church Hall following Sunday Masses on  
Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> and March 6<sup>th</sup>.

Dinner tickets can also be purchased at the door.

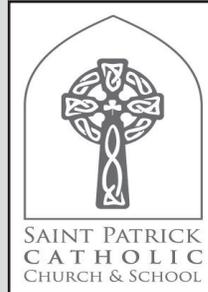
The Shifty Sailors have sung "for their supper"  
up and down the west coast  
even following the tall ships to Europe,  
through the British Isles and beyond.

We are glad they are coming and they as well!  
As they meander down to our great rock walls!



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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.**

Join St. Patrick  
Catholic School's

# BLUE RIBBON EVENT

Thursday, February 25  
Session 1: 3:15-5:00 PM  
Session 2: 6:00-7:45 PM  
Attend the session that works  
best for your schedule.  
Free Hot Dogs, Chips and Ice Cream  
will be served in the Gym.

A Student Showcase,  
Open House and  
Registration Event  
For Current and  
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# Laudato Si': On Care For Our Common Home

## Bulletin Insert

### "Praise be to you, my Lord."

"LAUDATO SI', mi' Signore" – "Praise be to you, my Lord." These are the words that open Pope Francis' encyclical on ecology and care for God's creation. These words, quoting St. Francis of Assisi's beautiful canticle, remind us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us.

Pope Francis addresses *Laudato Si'* to "every person on the planet," for we all share a common home—the earth. He focuses on a number of important themes.

- **A Moral and Spiritual Challenge.** The ecological crisis, Pope Francis writes, is a summons to profound interior conversion—to renew our relationships with God, one another, and the created world.
- **Care for God's Creation.** God created the world and entrusted it to us as a gift. Now we have the responsibility to care for and protect it and all people, who are part of creation. Protecting human dignity is strongly linked to care for creation.
- **We are All Connected.** We are connected to the rest of the human family, to the created world, and to those who will come after us in future generations.
- **Impact on the Poor.** People in poverty have contributed least to climate change, yet they are disproportionately impacted by it. As a result of excessive use of natural resource by wealthy nations, those who are poor experience pollution, lack of access to clean water, hunger, and more.
- **Called to Solidarity.** We are one human family and have a shared responsibility for others and for creation. Wealthy countries have a responsibility to reduce consumption of non-renewal resources and should help poorer nations develop in sustainable ways.
- **Technological and economic development must serve human beings and enhance human dignity, instead of creating an economy of exclusion, so that all people have access to what is needed for authentic human development.**
- **Supporting Life, Protecting Creation.** Concern for nature is incompatible with failure to protect vulnerable human beings, such as unborn children, people with disabilities, or victims of human trafficking.
- **A Time to Act.** Pope Francis calls for a change in lifestyle and consumption. We can make important changes as individuals, families, and communities, and as civil and political leaders.
- **Hope and Joy.** "Injustice is not invincible" (no. 74) and we act knowing that we seek to live out God's vision of renewed relationships with God, ourselves, one another, and creation.

### How You Can Respond

Each of us are called to take concrete steps – from reducing consumption to working for political change – to better care for creation. Here are some ideas.

1. **Become more aware of our connectedness.** Care for one another and creation includes understanding that "everything is connected" (no. 91) and that the economy, politics, community involvement, and technology all affect the future of the planet and humankind. How can we become more aware of our connectedness?

2. Changes to lifestyle and consumption habits can make a big difference. For example, get a re-usable water bottle, take shorter showers, walk, bike or take public transportation instead of driving, recycle, compost food waste, and buy energy efficient appliances.
3. Make changes institutionally at your parish, school, or workplace. For example, start recycling and composting, use washable dinnerware in cafeterias, share electronically instead of printing, do an energy audit, and install solar panels.
4. Support local efforts to solve environmental problems. Community groups around the country are working to make city, county, and state-wide changes that can make a big difference. Find out what is going on locally and get involved.
5. Contact your members of Congress to share Pope Francis' message and urge action to address climate change. Sign up for action alerts with the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops at <http://cqcrcengage.com/catholicbishops/jphd>.

#### Prayer

Triune Lord, wondrous community of infinite love,  
 teach us to contemplate you  
 in the beauty of the universe,  
 for all things speak of you.  
 Awaken our praise and thankfulness  
 for every being that you have made.  
 Give us the grace to feel profoundly joined  
 to everything that is.  
 God of love, show us our place in this world  
 as channels of your love  
 for all the creatures of this earth,  
 for not one of them is forgotten in your sight.  
 Enlighten those who possess power and money  
 that they may avoid the sin of indifference,  
 that they may love the common good, advance the weak,  
 and care for this world in which we live.  
 The poor and the earth are crying out.  
 O Lord, seize us with your power and light,  
 help us to protect all life,  
 to prepare for a better future,  
 for the coming of your Kingdom  
 of justice, peace, love and beauty.  
 Praise be to you!  
 Amen.

Excerpted from "A Christian prayer in union with creation," in *Laudato Si'*, no. 246

#### For More Information

- U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops webpage on Environment and Environmental Justice ([www.usccb.org/environment](http://www.usccb.org/environment))
- Catholic Climate Covenant ([www.catholicclimatecovenant.org](http://www.catholicclimatecovenant.org))
- [WeAreSaltAndLight.org](http://WeAreSaltAndLight.org)

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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**

**It's cold outside!... 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.**