

Parish Calendar

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

Palm Sunday

of the Passion of the Lord

Children's Liturgy - During Masses - Mtg. Rm.

Sunday Social Hour - REACH

Family Based Catechesis - 9:00 a.m. - Center

Youth Group - 4:00 p.m. - Center

Confirmation Class - 6:00 p.m. - Center

Monday, March 21: 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

Benedictine Spirituality - 7:00 p.m. - Center

Tuesday, March 22: Mass at 7:45 a.m.

RCIC - 6:45 p.m. - Center

KC Business Mtg. - 7:00 p.m. - Hall

Wednesday, March 23:

Communion Service at 7:45 a.m.

Social Justice Mtg. - 6:30 p.m. - Center

Finance Council - 7:00 p.m. - Center

Thursday, March 24: Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00 p.m.

Friday, March 25: Good Friday

Celebration of the Lord's Passion - 7:00 p.m.

Parish Center Closed

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

Reconciliation - 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Living Stations of the Cross - 9:30 a.m. - Church
presented by St. Patrick School 8th Grade

Stations of the Cross - 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 26: Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil - 8:00 p.m.

No Reconciliation

Sunday, March 27:

Easter Sunday

Mass at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

No Children's Liturgy

No Sunday Social Hour

Egg Hunt after 10:30 a.m. Mass - Church Courtyard



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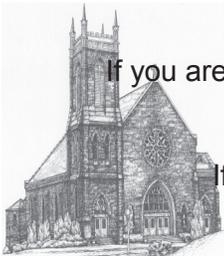
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St. Patrick Catholic Church
Weekly Contributions
Stewardship of Treasure

Weekly Amount Needed	Last Week's Collection Total:	Needed Year to Date	Actual Year to Date
\$20,643	\$13,198	\$763,791	\$696,292
Year to date - (\$67,499)			

*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!

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 the repose of the soul of
Infant, Connor Patrick Kline
We offer our sympathy, love and prayers to his family
in this time of sorrow.

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

<i>Donna Bechtle Chris Birmingham Marlena Breite Beatrice Carmichel Joan Day Ben Falk</i>	<i>Suzanne Gardner Joanne Girolami Fr. Pete Henriot, S.J. Monica Ilacqua</i>	<i>Rose Landeis Polly Martinez Carol Pfeiffer Ingrid Skeldon Gina Slavich Jeannine Sturman</i>
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Mass Intentions

- Saturday, March 19 - RIP Virginia Fitchitt
- Sunday, March 20 - *Palm Sunday*
- Monday, March 21 - RIP Pat Turco
- Tuesday, March 22 - RIP Barbara Cleary
- Wednesday, March 23 - *Communion Service*
- Thursday, March 24 - *Holy Thursday*
- Friday, March 25 - *Good Friday*
- Saturday, March 26 - *Holy Saturday*
- Sunday, March 27 - *Easter Sunday*

Join us for Daily Mass - A wonderful way to start your day!

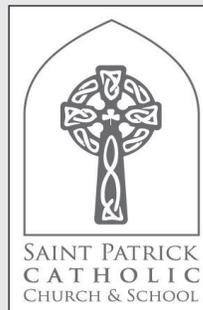
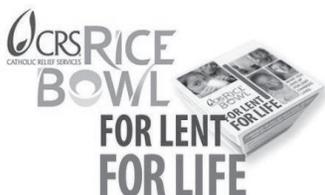
- Monday, Tuesday & Friday - Mass is at 7:45 a.m.
- Wednesday - Communion Service is at 7:45 a.m.
- Thursday - Mass is at 8:45 a.m. with the school.
- First Friday of the month -
Mass is at 11:00 a.m. with the Seniors



CRS Rice Bowl

Our community changed lives this Lent, and CRS Rice Bowl wants to say THANK YOU! Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl or donate on line at: www.diocese.org/ricebowl

Parish Office note:
Please convert your CRS Rice Bowl change into a check made out to St. Patrick Church.
Thank you!



MEETING CHRIST
KNOWING CHRIST
SERVING CHRIST

Glad you asked that

I recently received a letter with comments and observations about some important matters for our parish. Topics raised in the letter involved Children's Liturgy of the Word, how we share information in the bulletin, titles for ministry groups, the promotion of vocations, and the transition from a Pastor to a Pastoral Coordinator. These are timely topics for our parish community and something our staff would like to openly discuss with interested parishioners. Unfortunately, the fact the letter did not include any names or contact information, significantly hinders our ability to start a dialog surrounding these topics. It is our sincere hope that if parishioners have a suggestion or concern, or a criticism of how we are meeting or not meeting what you would like to experience at Saint Patrick, that you would please bring such matters to our attention in a manner that would allow us to contact you to begin such an open dialogue. It is through the open exchange of ideas and differing opinions that we grow and mature in faith, understanding and relationship with God and one another.

Kern Longo

Pastoral Coordinator

Removal of Photo

In preparation for our Healing Mass of Mercy, the subject of whether to remove the photo of Fr. Thomas Pitsch from our photographic display of pastors in the gathering space was raised. Fr. Pitsch served as Pastor of Saint Patrick from 1964 - 1971. His name was included in the recently released list of clergy and religious brothers and sisters for whom an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor was admitted, established, or otherwise determined to be credible.

Based on input from parishioners, the Archdiocese and the Pierce Deanery; and consultation with our parish staff, Jesuit priests, and Pastoral Council, I made the decision to remove his picture. Removal of the photo is not intended to disparage Fr. Pitsch or to erase the fact that he served as pastor, but rather to serve as a sign of respect, empathy, love and support for all victims, friends, family members and any other members of our community affected by such abuse; and as a sign of justice, mercy and forgiveness for the abusers. His photograph was removed prior to the March 11th Healing Mass.

Fasting and Abstinence

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).

Please pardon our re-modeling

We have several church re-modeling and repairs projects coming up. We apologize for any inconvenience these projects may impose.

Votive Candles - We have placed a votive candle stand near the Mary Altar for parishioners who wish to light a candle and say a prayer. We will lose a small pew for seating as a result, but we think its a good trade off in our continued effort to provide parishioners greater opportunities for prayer and devotion to our Lord.

Holy Oils Ambry - You'll soon notice a lovely wood display cabinet on the left side of the altar near the baptismal font. This Ambry will host the Holy Oils used for the Sacraments. Stay tuned for additional information regarding these Holy Oils, and how they are used.

Church Hall - Water Damage Repair. Remember the great flood? Repairs to the damaged dry-wall, carpet, and the two classrooms have begun. We also intend to add a window in the classroom greater security and safety.

Lighting - We've been working on installing more energy efficient lighting in the Church for several months. Seems technology in the form of energy efficient LED lights is not yet there for our beautiful hanging chandelier lights. Our attempts to find bright enough LED lights has not met with success, so we will be restoring the old incandescent bulbs. Please say an extra prayer for Gaylon as he mounts the ladder to make those changes.

St. Patrick Parish Mission Statement

We are a Catholic faith community in the traditions and people of "Old Tacoma" called together and empowered by Christ to nurture the spiritual and liturgical needs of our community through lifelong Christian education, celebration of the Sacraments, prayer and service to others.

Healing Mass

Thank you to all who attended our
Healing Mass of Mercy
for those who were survivors of sexual abuse by leaders of our Church.
The 162 persons who attended heard songs and prayers that helped with the healing process.
Everyone was touched in some way
by the Grace that God in His merciful way extended
and we continue to pray for those most in need
of God's Mercy and love.

Foot Washing procedure for Holy Thursday Mass

Following Pope Francis's example of humility and forgiveness, Saint Patrick wants to give every parishioner the opportunity to experience the grace and humility of having one's feet washed as we prepare to join Christ's suffering on the Cross. Consequently, we have changed how we are doing our foot washing.

During Holy Thursday Mass we will have a different format. Instead of 12 persons designated in advance for foot washing, we will have 6 chairs lined in front of the altar with 6 designated foot washers. Initially 6 participants from the assembly will have their feet washed and return to their seats. While these 6 individuals are having their feet washed the ushers will invite persons row by row beginning with the front pews to have their feet washed. Persons on the side pews will walk to the back of the Church and up the front aisles to get their feet washed and then return to their side pews. This is to ensure that no one steps over people who prefer not to have their feet washed.

We ask that all persons participating in the foot washing remove their shoes and socks a head of time while still in their pews, and proceed forward up the aisle barefoot. Participants' feet will not touch the basin of water as the water is poured over their feet. However, a common towel will be used multiple times to dry participants' feet. These changes are occurring to ensure anyone who wishes to have their feet washed can do so. The foot washing will come to a natural end when the line of participants wanes.

People strong in
Learner Strength
have a great desire to learn
and want to continuously
improve.
In particular, the process of
learning,
rather than the outcome,
excites them.

Congratulations to
Maggie Brinkmeyer,
who made her First Holy Communion
on Saturday, March 12th.
The Confirmation group warmly welcomed her into their celebration!
Bishop Eusebio offered her the Body and Blood of Christ
for the first time, surrounded by her parents and brother.
Ben and Heidi Brinkmeyer will move to Germany with their children
Ben, Connor, Jack, Maggie, and Grace in early April,
as they follow their assignment from the Army.
*Thank you to the Brinkmeyer family, for your service
and for being a part of St. Patrick Church and School!*

40 Days for Life

Help bring hope to women and help save lives.

Feb. 10 - March 20, 2016, (Palm Sunday)
7 days a week, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Come by any time & pray for an end to abortion
(right outside where prenatal lives are being taken)

"Cedar River Clinics" abortion site
1401-A Martin Luther King Way, Tacoma

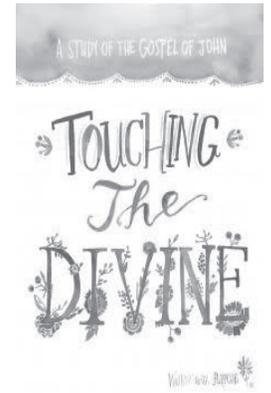


Walking with Purpose

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.
 Thursday evening group meets from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. and
 Friday morning (with childcare) meets from 9:00 -11:00 a.m.

To register or for more information, please contact Donna Anel or Tara Staeheli at: 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 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.

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 6th-12th graders are welcome.

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

March 20

April 10, 24

May 1 - NET RETREAT
 3:00 - 8:00 p.m. Dinner provided

May 15, 10:30 a.m. Mass -
 High School Senior Blessing

May 15 - Wrap Up Event

News From Your Health Ministry

A Health Ministry box and note cards will be available in the Gathering Space after all Masses Easter weekend and the following weekend for all those parishioners who went meatless on EVERY Friday during Lent.

Simply write your name and contact information on a card and drop it in the box for a chance to win a \$100 gift card from Metropolitan Market. A drawing will be held the first week of April and the winner notified.

Good Luck and look for new and exciting Health Updates regularly in the Cornerstone.

Vacation Bible School

Summer is just around the corner and preparations for Vacation Bible School (VBS) have begun. VBS is a collaboration between St. Patrick Church and St. Charles Borromeo Parish.

The 2016 VBS program will be housed at St. Charles this year from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m, June 27 - July 1.

COMING SOON



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 the Parish Center.

Join us at our next gathering
Wednesday, March 23rd



Future Stephen Leaders Needed Now

As a Stephen Leader, you would serve as part of a team directing Stephen Ministry at St. Patrick. You would eventually recruit, select, organize, supervise and help with training Stephen Leaders. Eventually, you would help match care receivers with Stephen Ministers.

This could be a rewarding call if you are Christ-centered with a heart for caring ministry, in addition to gifts and skills in areas such as leadership, teaching and organizing people. Haven't a clue what to do?

No worries! You will become equipped and inspired to serve in this role at a one-week Leader's Training Course (cost covered by parish). Training specifically targets Stephen Leaders.

Please call Penny Melton directly at (253) 565-9270 to ask questions and find out more.

JOIN THE TEAM!



Reconciliation

Saturday, March 19th - 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Palm Sunday

March 20th - Mass at 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

Distribution of Palms at all Masses.

Before the 10:30 Mass, please gather in the courtyard as we will begin with a Blessing of the Palms and process into Church.



Holy Week

Mass of the Lords Supper

Holy Thursday - March 24th - 7:00 p.m.

The washing of the feet

The Lords Passion

Good Friday - March 25th - 7:00 p.m.

Living Stations of the Cross at 9:30 a.m., presented by our parish school 8th grade students.

Stations of the Cross at 3:00 p.m.

Easter Vigil

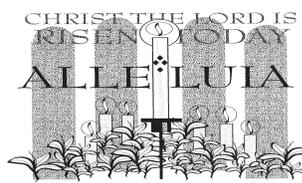
Holy Saturday - March 26th - 8:00 p.m.

This celebration in the lighting of the Easter Fire and the Sacrament of Initiation, followed by a reception for all in the Church Hall.

Resurrection of our Lord

Easter Sunday - March 27th

Mass at 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.



Join us rain or shine in the Church courtyard for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt following the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Easter morning.

1-3 year-olds will hunt in the lower courtyard and 4-10 year-olds in the upper courtyard.

Please limit your children to 3 eggs per child so that every child has an opportunity to find the hidden eggs.



2016 ST. PAT'S AUCTION

REACH Reunion

Building on Generations for a Bright Future

Auction, Dinner and Dancing to The Shy Boys

Saturday, April 16

6:00-10:00 pm

St. Patrick School, Skip Butler Gym
1112 North G Street, Tacoma

For more information, contact reach@saintpats.org or 253-272-2297

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

Do you need prayers for yourself or someone you love?

It is as simple as asking.

Anyone can put someone forth for prayer. Send us your request and we'll add it to our prayer list.

Contact the parish at:

parish@saintpats.org or 253-383-2783

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

Several ministry groups in the parish currently pray for the intentions received. Our goal is to have a Prayer Line Ministry.

If you are interested please call the Parish Center at: 253-383-2783

Altar Flowers

Thank you to everyone who has participated in the Altar Flower offering.

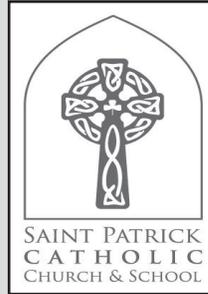
Your generous donations help to defray the cost to the parish for Easter flowers.

If you haven't donated yet and wish to, please use your preprinted giving envelope or your own envelope with Altar Flowers written on it, and put it in the collection basket.

Thank 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.

JOIN US FOR

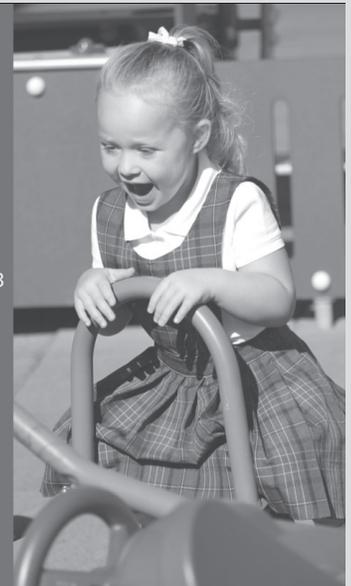
WELCOME WEDNESDAY

AT ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Experience a tour during a typical school day.

9-11 AM on 3/23

1112 N G Street Tacoma, WA 98403
www.saintpats.org (253) 272-2297



A Legacy of Faith and Learning



SCRIP

Don't forget to use Scrip for your shopping!

We are able to order cards for most national retailers and would love to assist you in your shopping needs.

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:** Margaret Erickson**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**St. Vincent de Paul:** Dolly Reed**Stephen Ministry:** Penny Melton**Sunday Social Hour:** Clare Keller**Ushers:** Tony Karabaich**Walking with Purpose:** Donna Anel**Welcoming Committee:** Joanne Girolami**Young Professionals:**

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For more information, please contact the Parish Center at 253-383-2783,
email: parish@saintpats.org, fax: 253-627-5396 or visit our website at 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**

It's still 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.