

## Parish Calendar

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

*Fourth Sunday of Lent*

*RCIA Second Scrutiny at 5:30 p.m. Mass  
Catholic Relief Services Collection*

Children's Liturgy - During Masses - Mtg. Rm.  
Sunday Social Hour - Children's Liturgy of the Word  
Welcome table in the Gathering Space  
St. Vincent de Paul Collection  
Family Based Catechesis - 9:00 a.m. - Center  
Baptism Class - 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. - Center  
Pilgrimage to St. James Cathedral - See article  
Youth Group - 4:00 p.m. - Center  
Confirmation Class - 6:00 p.m. - Center

**Monday, March 7: 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  
Sister Parish - 7:30 p.m. - Center

**Tuesday, March 8: Mass at 7:45 a.m.**

RCIC - 6:45 p.m. - Center

**Wednesday, March 9:**

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

Rosary / Potluck - 6:30 p.m. - Hall  
Confirmation Rehearsal - 7:00 p.m. - Church

**Thursday, March 10:**

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

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

**Friday, March 11:**

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

Men's Prayer Group - 6:45 a.m. - Hall  
Walking with Purpose - 9:00 a.m. - Hall  
No Reconciliation or Stations of the Cross  
Healing Mass - See article

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

*Sacrament of Confirmation  
at 5:30 p.m. Mass*

Reconciliation - 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. - Church

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

*Fifth Sunday in Lent*

*RCIA Third Scrutiny at 10:30 a.m. Mass*

Children's Liturgy - During Masses - Mtg. Rm.  
No Sunday Social  
Family Based Catechesis - 9:00 a.m. - Center  
Respect Life Group - 11:30 a.m. - Hall  
Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner - See article

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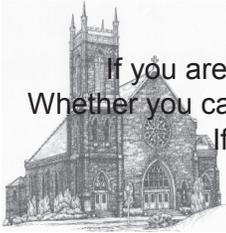
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**MEETING CHRIST**

**KNOWING CHRIST**

**SERVING CHRIST**



### 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  
**David Atkinson**  
We offer our sympathy, love and prayers to his family and friends in this time of sorrow.

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

|                           |                               |                         |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <i>Donna Bechtle</i>      | <i>Ben Falk</i>               | <i>Rose Landeis</i>     |
| <i>Chris Birmingham</i>   | <i>Suzanne Gardner</i>        | <i>Polly Martinez</i>   |
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# HEALING MASS of Mercy

Offered with the prayerful intention of sharing our community's merciful solidarity, with survivors of sexual abuse, their families and friends and any other people who have been hurt or suffering in any way as a result of sexual abuse by clergy and religious brothers and sisters. Let's come together as people of God who recognize our call to be there for one another in time of need.

**March 11, 2016 | 7 PM**

in lieu of Reconciliation and Stations of the Cross



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### Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 5 - Intentions of Sr. Esther Aherne  
 Sunday, March 6 - RIP Katherine Conners  
 Monday, March 7 - RIP Pat Turco  
 Tuesday, March 8 - RIP Dorothy Eberhardt  
 Wednesday, March 9 - *Communion Service*  
 Thursday, March 10 - RIP Gloria Lamanna  
 Friday, March 11 - RIP Paz Anulacion  
 Saturday, March 12 - RIP Barbara Cleary  
 Sunday, March 13 - RIP Lawrence Merkle

### 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



### Stephen Ministry Comes to Saint Patrick

Dear Parishioners of Saint Patrick,

As noted in last week's bulletin article entitled, *Parish and Deanery Planning Update*, this is a time of transition for our Church, as we address shifting demographics and resources that impact our faith community. Now is our time to plan for future generations of Catholics.

But what of the Catholics who are already at our door seeking help in times of their need? Perhaps more importantly, what about those who have turned away from our door because we could not offer them a caring hand in times of crisis? Without a resident pastor, and the growing need for priests throughout the Archdiocese, we must re-think what it means to be a "church community" for one another.

There are times when every one of us experiences difficulties – loss of a loved one, illness, spiritual crisis, separation, loneliness, job loss, discouragement and many others. God never intended for us to go through these experiences alone. That is why we are brought together as a parish. It is why pastoral care is a vital part of who we are at Saint Patrick Parish.

The purpose of pastoral care is to build community by the spread of the Gospel through acts of caring and mercy. *"No one can be excluded from the mercy of God; everyone knows the way to access it and the Church is the house where everyone is welcomed and no one is rejected". Pope Francis – Homily of 13 March 2015.* When our church serves those in crisis, they tend to remain and find a home in our church. Conversely, we lose them and the grace of their presence if they do not find compassion here. We are diminished as a parish by the loss.

To increase Saint Patrick's ability to provide this critical pastoral care, our Pastoral and Finance Councils recently adopted a highly successful, ecumenical pastoral care model called Stephen Ministry. It equips lay parishioners to provide one-to-one Christian care to people in our parish and community who are experiencing difficulties in their lives. Stephen Ministry equips God's people for ministry by providing 50-65 hours of training and ongoing support.

**Does this sound intriguing? Could this be a ministry that taps into your spiritual gifts and passions? Would you like to join others in laying the initial groundwork for this amazing outreach?**

**WE NEED YOU NOW!**

Please contact

Mary Randall at: (253) 383-2783 ext. 4109 or [mrandall@saintpats.org](mailto:mrandall@saintpats.org) or

Penny Melton at: (253) 383-2782 ext. 4100 or [stephenministry@saintpats.org](mailto:stephenministry@saintpats.org)

Saint Patrick Pray For Us.

Kevin Lovejoy  
Pastoral Coordinator

Penny Melton  
Stephen Ministry Leader

## Stewardship of Treasure - Sacrificial Giving

Parishioners have expressed concern about the negative balances which are being published in the bulletin each week. We thought it would be appropriate to take a few minutes to explain the **Purpose, Process,** and **Recent Changes** affecting our **Weekly Contributions/Stewardship of Treasure** display box.

| <i>St. Patrick Catholic Church Stewardship of Treasure</i> |                               |                      |                      |
|--|-------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Weekly Contributions                                       |                               |                      |                      |
| Weekly Amount Needed:                                      | Last Week's Collection Total: | Needed Year to Date: | Actual Year to Date: |
| <b>\$20,643</b>  | <b>\$28,136</b>               | <b>\$722,505</b>     | <b>\$663,790</b>     |
| Year to date - <b>(\$58,715)</b>                           |                               |                      |                      |
| <i>God gives it all - then calls us to share</i>           |                               |                      |                      |

The **Purpose** is to be transparent. As parishioners, you should definitely know how we are doing financially. This display gives us a week-to-week sense of whether our Mass donations (aka **Sacrificial Giving**) are meeting the annual parish goals we set.

The **Process** is simple. We total up the projected annual cost to perform our mission as a parish community (salaries, benefits, operations, etc.). For income, we subtract out "other sources of income (e.g., rent from Catholic Community Services, wedding fees, savings interest)." We then divide the remaining income balance by 52 weeks, which gives us the average weekly **Sacrificial Giving** contributions needed to balance our budget.

**Recent Changes:** This year the **Stewardship of Treasure** weekly goal was increased by approximately \$1,000 per week, from \$19,327 per week to \$20,643 per week. Here's why. We have a parish savings account (created for unbudgeted expenses or special unplanned mission-related projects). In recent years, we have fallen short of our annual revenue goals; we have had to use savings interest to balance the budget. Last year, we knew that we would have to use the interest earned as "income needed," \$38,317, and included it in the weekly Stewardship of Treasure calculation. **Savings interest earned is not included in this year's calculation.**

Using savings to balance the budget is not a good business practice. As the Parish Finance Council, we believe that the weekly goal should reflect a target that will enable us to preserve our savings, and to re-invest any interest earned to help prepare us for the future (Note: Expenses for the current year include increases in health benefits, property insurance and liability insurance.)

On a positive note, even though our current total is \$58,715 short of our target, our community has contributed \$45,001 more this year than this same time last year.

Historically, we have relied on bequests and capital campaigns for major maintenance and the upkeep of our beautiful worship space (and for our school). We will continue to encourage bequests and campaigns, but will also work to build our savings from more consistent and reliable sources.

We realize it is a little uncomfortable to talk about our parish in terms of dollars and cents. But it is our responsibility to be transparent (without overwhelming you with numbers and figures). **We owe it to our community to let you know that we are not on pace to avoid having to tap into our savings to balance the budget by the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 2016.**

We hope this explanation improves your understanding of our **Stewardship of Treasure,** your **Sacrificial Giving.** Thank you so very much for your ceaseless generosity to your parish. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Georgeann Cukjati  
President

Stephanie Cisakowski  
Member

Brent Hall  
Member

Steve VerValin  
Member

Ben Wombacher  
Member

Kevin Lovejoy  
Pastoral Coordinator

**FISH  
FRY  
3/18**

**5:00-7:30 PM - ADMISSION BY DONATION**

**PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE DOMINICAN SISTERS OF TACOMA**

SAINT PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH HALL  
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### 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 March 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> after all Masses.



### Be a Soul on Fire!

Love contemporary praise & worship music?

Lift your soul to the Lord with the *Upper Room Prayer Group*

in song, praise, and intercessory prayer.

We meet Thursday evenings, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church.  
7112 South 12th Street, Tacoma 98465

To learn more about charismatic prayer contact

Monica Mason Forman at:

(253) 460-7801 or [mnfmason@msn.com](mailto:mnfmason@msn.com)

We are the only catholic charismatic prayer group in the Tacoma area affiliated with Western Washington Catholic Charismatic Renewal.

For more information on the Catholic Charismatic Movement and events in our area go to the Western Washington

<https://wwccr.org/>



**Stations of the Cross**

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.  
 (excluding March 11<sup>th</sup>)

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.  
 FREE - Please RSVP to the Parish Center

**Fish Dinner**

benefitting the  
 Tacoma Dominican Sisters  
 March 18<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 - 7:30 p.m.  
 Church Hall



**Holy Week**

**Palm Sunday**

March 20<sup>th</sup> - 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.

**Mass of the Lords Supper**

Holy Thursday - March 24<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 p.m.  
 The washing of the feet.

**The Lords Passion**

Good Friday - March 25<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 p.m.  
 Living Stations of the Cross at 9:30 a.m.,  
 presented by our parish school 8<sup>th</sup> grade students.  
 Stations of the Cross at 3:00 p.m.

**Easter Vigil**

Holy Saturday - March 26<sup>th</sup> - 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 27<sup>th</sup>  
 Mass at 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

**Living your Strengths during the Lenten Season**

As we reflect on the Fourth Sunday of Lent, let us ponder how this Scripture passage  
 and the reflection questions that follow draw us closer to the Lord.

*..."Look, all these years I have served you and not once did I disobey your orders;  
 yet you never gave me even a young goat to feast on with my friends.  
 But when your son returns who swallowed up your property with prostitutes,  
 for him, you slaughter the fattened calf..."*

*He said to him, " My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours." Luke 15:1-3, 11-32*

Think of a time when I was jealous or angry because of a perceived injustice.  
 A time, when feeling like I had been slapped in the face, I became angry and said things I should not have  
 said. How did my Strengths help me to see the situation more clearly--to see my own shortsightedness?  
 How has this made me more merciful to others?

If you would like to know what your top 5 talents are, purchase a Strengthsfinder 2.0,  
 available at the Parish Center for \$17.00.

*"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 *Input Strength*  
 have a craving to learn more.  
 Often they like to collect and archive all kinds of information.

### 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.

**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.

**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.



### 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,*

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.

**You can still sign up for the Best Lent Ever at:**

**DynamicCatholic.com/Lent**

**Be Bold. Be Catholic.**

### SUPPORT THE CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

**HELP**  
*Jesus*  
**IN DISGUISE**

"AMEN, I SAY TO YOU, WHATEVER YOU DID FOR ONE OF THESE LEAST BROTHERS OF MINE, YOU DID FOR ME." (MT 25:40)



### 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.*

### Christ Church Lecture Series

The Passion of the Christ and the Jews

Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> 7:00 to 8:00 PM in the Church Nave

In this presentation, Dr. Samuel Torvend will consider the historical context that shaped the writing of John's passion narrative (appointed for Good Friday), its use as a "proof text" for Christian anti-Judaism, and the need for Jews and Christians to engage in the contextual study of the Bible.

Christ Church is located at 310 North K Street, Tacoma, Washington, 98403 (253) 383-1569.

## 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<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome.

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

March 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.

March 6

Join us for Confirmation  
Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 Mass  
Reception to follow in the Church Hall.



## 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 through 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

Check out  
Catholic Community Services'  
web site at  
www.CatholicCharitiesSeattleArch.org



**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.



## SAVE THE DATE

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Tacoma Pierce  
90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration  
March 31, 2016

In a spirit of justice and charity, we serve our neighbors in need  
throughout Pierce County with dignity and respect regardless of religious  
affiliation.

Sponsorships from \$250-\$1000 are available. A limited  
number of individual tickets are also available. Contact Vicky  
Tetzlaff at 253-426-1702 or vtetzlaff@svdptacoma.org for more  
information.

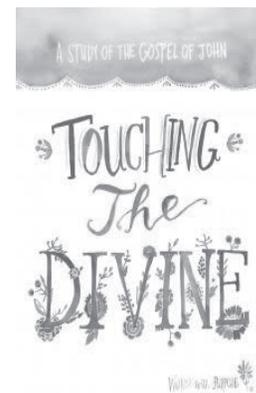


## Walking with Purpose

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



## Children's Rosary Group

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

The Children's Rosary is an effort to begin 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.

## Respect Life

The Good Shepherd lays down his life for his sheep. This theme is found also in the story of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37). When the Good Samaritan came along, he didn't ask, "If I help this man, what will happen to me?" Instead the Good Samaritan asked, "If I do not help this man, what will happen to him?"

That's the question for us. If I do not address this evil, what will happen to the unborn? If I do not get involved, what will happen to those who are vulnerable, those who are marginalized in our society, those who are oppressed, those who have no one to speak for them?

There are many ways to help, publicly or privately, individually or as a group, occasionally or more regularly, by giving your time or your experience or expertise or financially. Call Paddie at: 627-0162 .

Join us at our next Respect Life Meeting - Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. in the Church Hall.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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





**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 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:

Mary Randall at: 253 - 383 - 2783 ext. 4109 or [mrandall@saintpats.org](mailto:mrandall@saintpats.org)

Penny Melton at: 253 - 297- 6692 or [stephenministry@saintpats.org](mailto:stephenministry@saintpats.org)



Yes! I am interested in knowing more about Stephen Ministry.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Best time to call: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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



**STEPHEN  
MINISTRY**

# AHOY MATES AND LADIES TOO!

Our Annual  
**CORNERED 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.**

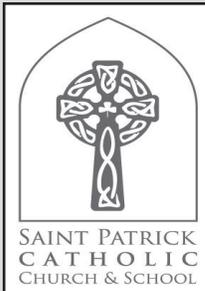
Price of the dinner is  
**\$10.00 PER PERSON OR  
\$25.00 PER FAMILY.**

In addition to the corned 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  
this weekend, March 5<sup>th</sup> and March 6<sup>th</sup>.  
Tickets can also be purchased at the door.

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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,  
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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  
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For more information, contact  
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**Adult Bible Study:** Deacon Bill Eckert  
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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 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.**