

Parish Calendar

Sunday, November 22: Mass at 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

Feast of Christ the King

Liturgical Ministers Commissioning

Children's Liturgy - During Masses - Mtg. Rm.
 Sunday Social Hour - PrimeTimers
 St. Vincent de Paul - See article
 Children's Rosary Group - 11:30 a.m. - Mtg. Rm.
 Family Based Catechesis - 9:30 a.m. - Center
 Advent Calendar, Candle and Wreath Sale
 Youth Group - 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. - Center
 Youth Confirmation - 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. - Center

Monday, November 23: 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
 Finance Council - 7:00 p.m. - Center
 Prayer Shawl - 7:00 p.m. - Center

Tuesday, November 24: Mass at 7:45 a.m.

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

Wednesday, November 25:

Communion Service at 7:45 a.m.

Parish Center Closed

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

Thursday, November 26: Mass at 9:00 a.m.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Parish Center Closed

Friday, November 27:

Communion Service at 7:45 a.m.

Parish Center Closed

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

Saturday, November 28: Mass at 5:30 p.m.

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

Sunday, November 29: Mass at 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

First Sunday in Advent

Children's Liturgy - During Masses - Mtg. Rm.
 No Sunday Social Hour
 KC Pancake Breakfast
 Confirmation Retreat at the Parish 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
\$20,643	\$15,719	\$412,860	\$359,699
	Year to date - (\$53,161)		

*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
Catherine Carpenter
Jimmy Collins
Jack Conlon
Monica Cosmos

Suzanne Gardner
Joanne Girolami
Gina Hernandez
Polly Martinez
Haley Marston
Beth Mill

Angie Olson
Carol Pfeiffer
Rick Ranch
Debbie Rupert
Zachary Rusk
Ingrid Skeldon

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 21- RIP Eustaquio Anulacion
 Sunday, November 22 - RIP Richard Boulanger
 Monday, November 23 - RIP Michelle Wolfe
 Tuesday, November 24 - RIP Tamara Maciulis
 Wednesday, November 25 - *Communion Service*
 Thursday, November 26 - *Thanksgiving Day*
 Friday, November 27 - RIP Margie Masonic
 Saturday, November 28 - RIP Joan Wilson
 Sunday, November 29 - RIP Richard Boulanger

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

First Reconciliation

Through mid December, some of our parish children will be receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. A few families will come to the Church each week at 3:30 p.m. This is the regular time for the Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Patrick (with 30 minutes added on). This might create a bit of waiting time for some of our parishioners. We trust that there will be ample time for everyone who desires to receive the sacrament.

Please keep these families in your prayers!

You might have noticed children wearing a wooden cross necklace. This was placed on them on by their parents on the day of the Covenant of Faith. This is to signify their journey this year as they prepare to receive the sacraments.

Pope Francis Quotes

“Together we are called to say “no” to every attempt to impose uniformity and “yes” to a diversity accepted and reconciled. This can only happen if we uproot from our hearts all feelings of hatred, vengeance and resentment.”

—Multi-religious service at 9/11 Memorial and Museum,
 New York City

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 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 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 8th at 7:00 p.m.

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

Glad You Asked That!

**We were told our current Pastoral Leadership Model was temporary.
Do we have any idea what to expect for Saint Patrick Church next summer?**

That's a very good question. While it is only November, it is not too early to begin planning and preparing for next summer.

Before addressing the specific situation at **St. Patrick**, let me bring you up to speed on the bigger picture in the Pierce Deanery, as this bigger picture may very well impact our situation.

In addition to changes here at St. Patrick this summer, the pastor at **Holy Rosary** in Tacoma was re-assigned on short notice to another parish in need. Since no pastor was available to serve at Holy Rosary, Father Wichert, the pastor at **Visitation**, was assigned as pastor for Holy Rosary as well. Two parishes and two schools is a heavy load for one priest. In light of this increased responsibility, Mass times were changed for both parishes.

Saint Charles Borromeo lost the parochial vicar who has historically supported Father McDermott, leaving Father Mike alone to serve a parish twice our size. One consequence has been the cancellation of their Sunday evening Mass.

At **Saint Joseph Parish**, priests from the Priestly Fraternity of Saint Peter replaced the diocesan priest and St. Joseph is now a Latin Mass parish.

With additional retirements and priest re-assignments, **it is likely that the Pierce Deanery may lose one or two more priests next summer.**

In light of the situation, the Archdiocesan Priest Placement Board has already begun planning for the upcoming assignments of pastors and priests. As you know, the **Archbishop ultimately makes these priest / pastor assignments.** To assist him in this process, Archbishop Sartain has asked the Pierce Deanery Planning Team to develop potential options **from the bottom up** for his consideration. He has also asked deaneries to **increase the sharing of information regarding pastoral planning options with parishioners through parish bulletin inserts.** Be on the lookout for this information in the coming weeks.

Pastoral leadership options under consideration by the Deanery include greater partnering and shared resources among two or three existing parishes. What these partnerships and sharing of resources might look like is the subject of ongoing conversations between parishes at our Deanery meetings. Closing or merging smaller parishes is an option, but clearly not a desirable one. The current lay Pastoral Coordinator model at Saint Patrick Parish is on the agenda, and one of the potential options being considered by other parishes in the Deanery and Diocese.

So it is a little too early to tell what will happen next summer. We have started the dialogue with the Jesuit community to determine their interest in continuing the partnership at St. Patrick. As noted earlier, the final decision will be made by the Archbishop after considering input from the Deanery and consultation with the Priest Placement Board.

Here are some key dates in the upcoming Pierce Deanery planning process:

December 2, 2015 - Pierce Deanery pastors, deacons and pastoral coordinators will discuss various pastoral options and make plans for two upcoming Convocations.

January 28, 2016 - 1st Convocation at which pastors and lay leaders (Pastoral Council, Finance Councils, Parish Staffs) will learn more about the "big picture" for Pierce Deanery and discuss the opportunities and challenges of various options the Deanery is considering for recommendation to Archbishop Sartain.

April 14, 2016 - 2nd Convocation - an open convocation to parishioners from every parish in the Deanery to enter dialogue regarding the final recommendation to Archbishop Sartain.

We'd like to know what's on your mind. On Monday evening, November 30, 2015, from 7:00-8:00 p.m. St. Patrick will host an informal listening / Q & A session at the Parish Center. Parishioners who would like additional information or would like to share their thoughts regarding the current and potential future Pastoral Leadership structure for St. Patrick and the Pierce Deanery are encouraged to attend.

Kevin Lovejoy
Pastoral Coordinator



**House guests coming for Thanksgiving?
Don't want to spend all weekend in the kitchen?
Let the Knights of Columbus cook AND clean up for you!
Come to a Pancake Breakfast Sunday, November 29th after Masses.**



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 on December 6th.

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.

- Nov. 22 - **TODAY**
- Dec. 13
- Jan. 10, 24
- Feb. 7, 21
- Mar. 6, 20
- April 10, 24
- May 1 NET RETREAT
3:00 - 8:00 p.m. Dinner provided
- May 15 Wrap Up Event
- May 15, 10:30 a.m. Mass -
High School Senior Blessing

Confirmation Class

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

- Nov. 22 - **TODAY**
- Nov. 28 / 29 - RETREAT Overnight
- Dec. 13
- Jan. 10, 24
- Feb. 7, 21
- Mar. 6, 20

Dates subject to change depending on when Confirmation is scheduled.





A National Evangelization Team (NET) is facilitating a Confirmation Retreat at St. Patrick Catholic Church the weekend after Thanksgiving, November 27th – 29th.

Housing for 6 team members, age 18 – 28 is needed, the nights of November 27th and November 29th. It is preferred that a member is hosted for both nights, however if you can only host for one night that will work too. The Team will be staying at the Parish Center the night of the November 28th and can go home with different host families on November 29th if needed.

The NET members needs are basic. A spot on the floor with a camping mat at minimum or an extra bed if one is available; a meal or two with your family and a brown bag lunch or two. Additional details will be provided closer to their stay.

*Host a NET member -
you will be blessed by the experience!*

NET Ministries challenges young Catholics to love Christ and embrace the life of the Church. Every August, 150 young Catholics aged 18-28 leave behind their jobs, school, family, and friends to devote nine months to serving with the National Evangelization Teams (NET).

Learn more at www.netusa.org

Can you answer the call to be a host family?

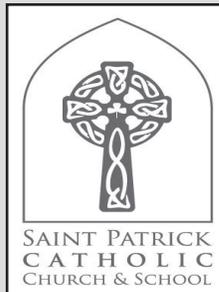
Do you have questions? Contact Anna and Joe at: youth@saintpats.org or 253- 383 ext. 4107

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

At the Christmas Vigil Mass on Thursday, December 24th, 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 21st, and Tuesday, December 22nd, 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.

Please join St. Patrick School for prayer, Thursdays at 8:45 a.m. in the Church.

Community Ministry
Question of the Week:

"How are we directed to pray this Thanksgiving season?"

St. Patrick School Students are preparing their hearts for Thanksgiving by gathering inspirations, memories, and prayers of thankfulness. They have rejoiced with the saints and have honored the souls of those gone before us over the past weeks. These prayers and projects will continue through the month of November.

St. Patrick School invites our daily Mass parishioners to "Coffee with the Principal" in the church gathering space following the December 3rd All School Advent Mass.

Coffee and rolls will be served following Mass with opportunities to share hopes and dreams for our school children in their faith.

Please join us!

SCRIP

Don't forget to use Scrip for your Black Friday shopping!

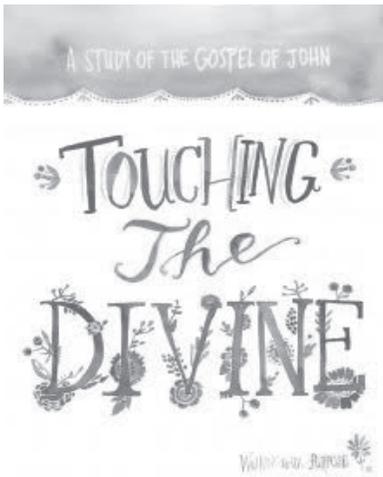
We are able to order cards for most national retailers and would love to get you prepared for your shopping this Christmas.

Contact scrip@saintpats.org with any questions.

Scrip

funny word...easy fundraising





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 or (253) 223-2957. *We hope you can join us!*

Prayer Shawl Ministry - More options for knitting!

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is happy to invite you to Monday Night Knitting/Crocheting.

Our next meeting will be November 23rd 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.

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..

Please visit the blog at: childrensrosary.blogspot.com for an article about the Children's Rosary Group at St. Patrick Church in Kennet Square, Pennsylvania. To celebrate the group's one-year anniversary, the children made a Hershey's Kiss rosary. It is beautiful, and the children knew that Our Lady carried their sweet prayers faithfully to her Son.

Grab a doughnut after 10:30 Mass on TODAY, and come pray with Our Lady. We meet in the Children's Liturgy room downstairs. All children and their families are welcome.

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 Seniors - XYZ

Please join us Friday, December 4th for First Friday Mass at 11:00 a.m., followed by a traditional holiday meal and program by St. Patrick School choir.

Please remember our book exchange. Dessert donations are always welcome!

This is our last gathering until February 2016 - no first Friday January 1st, New Years Day.

Please call the Parish Center at 383-2783 if you or someone you know is in need of bus transportation.

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. in the Fireside Room of the Parish Center.

Join us!



CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SERVICES
CATHOLIC HOUSING SERVICES
 OF WESTERN WASHINGTON

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 families we serve come from a variety of cultural and spiritual backgrounds, but all can benefit from some holiday assistance.

The holidays can be a challenging time for many families living in poverty; Parents hope to create a festive atmosphere while struggling to meet basic needs. Last year, donors helped us provide holiday joy to 161 Pierce County families served by CCS.

Thanksgiving Baskets

These baskets should include a variety of traditional non-perishable holiday food items and a gift card for a turkey or ham. Drop off your food baskets at CCS (1323 S. Yakima Ave) on Monday, November 23rd, between 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Holiday Gift Baskets

You will be provided with a list of family members, their ages, clothing sizes, and examples of needs and wishes.

Gift baskets should be delivered to CCS (1323 S. Yakima Ave) on Monday, December 21st, between 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

To find out more about adopting a family for the holidays, please e-mail Allison Greer at: adoptafamily@ccsww.

Stewardship of Talent

Strengths is the ability to provide consistent near perfect performance in a given activity.

Please call Mary at 253-383-2783 ext. 4109 or email at: mrandall@saintpats.org for more information.

The Strengths process helps us to better understand our talent themes with Christ as the center of our uniquely created selves.

It is never too late to become involved in Living Your Strengths.

Strengthfinder 2.0 books are available at the Parish Center for \$17.00 each.

People strong in *Communication Strength* generally find it easy to put their thoughts into words. They are good conversationalists and presenters.

Good Neighbor Parking

As we strive to be good neighbors to those living near our Church, we encourage our parishioners to be sensitive to the residential parking situation.

The street parking around St. Patrick Church is limited and can be challenging, **please park in the parking lot whenever possible.**

If you park on the street, please remember to obey all no-parking signs, to not park closer than 15' from a fire hydrant and to not block a cross walk or anyone's driveway.



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

We are very grateful to those who have been providing regular hospital visits through this unique ministry that began by Fr. Michael Walsh, S.J.



Cans 4US

There is a blue and 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 local recycling center.

100% of the proceeds will be donated to 4US.

Outerwear Collection

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

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

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.

St. Patrick Parish's next
Habitat for Humanity Volunteer Build Day
is Saturday, December 5th

please contact Chip McCullough at:
253-381-9212 or chipmccullough@comcast.net
for further details on location and times.

Build days usually start at 8:45 a.m. and are done by 1:00 p.m.

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



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

We are making a difference!

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Download my Parish App -

<http://www.myparishapp.com>

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<https://www.saintpats.org>

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 CDs are a valuable resource that help parishioners deepen their relationship with Jesus, please stop by and take a look for yourself.

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. The Jesse Tree remains in the Gathering Space until all of the names are taken. If you know someone who might be comforted from our Jesse Tree list of names, please contact Mary at 253-383-2783 ext. 4109 or mrandall@saintpats.org.

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



Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick Retreat – Update

We recently had a Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick Retreat led by Fr. Jerry Graham, S.J. The morning retreat included Mass, reflections on “Spiritual Care of the Dying”, quiet prayer and group sharing. We ended the retreat with a special blessing for all who pastorally care for our faith community.

If you know of someone who can no longer attend our weekend liturgies, because of illness, please contact Mary at: 253-383-2783 ext. 4109 or mrandall@saintpats.org and a Eucharistic minister of the Sick will be assigned. They are persons who love the Eucharist and want to share Our Lord with others.

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.

Black Friday. Cyber Monday.

#GIVINGTUESDAY

December 1, 2015

December 1, 2015 is #GivingTuesday - a global day of giving. Observed on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving and the shopping events Black Friday and Cyber Monday, #GivingTuesday kicks off the charitable season, when many focus on their holiday and end-of-year giving. Visit www.saintpats.org and click on the Donate button on the parish page to give to the church or the Fundraising tab on the school page to give to the school to make your gift for #GivingTuesday.

Interested in serving St. Vincent de Paul?



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a non-profit organization that has been serving the needy in our community since 1925.

No special qualifications are needed other than the desire to join with others to help those in need for the love of God.

To learn more about how you can serve, come to an informational gathering in the Church Library, November 22nd between the two Sunday Masses, 9:45 to 10:15 a.m.

A background check and safe environment training is a requirement for serving.

Uniting in Thanksgiving
Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Gathering
7:00 pm, Tuesday, November 24th,

Hosted by:

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints -1102 South Pearl St. Tacoma, WA 98465

Join us as we come together in peace and community at Thanksgiving to explore, reflect and give thanks for our blessings.

For more than a quarter of a century, this annual service has brought together people of many faith traditions. The gathering will include participants from the Bahá'í, Buddhist, Catholic, Center for Spiritual Living, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Jewish, Muslim, Native American, Protestant, Sufi, Unitarian Universalist and other faith traditions.

A reception and fellowship time will follow the service. For more information please call (253) 426-1506.

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 14th.

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 4th

Senior First Friday Mass at 11:00 a.m. with luncheon following in Church Hall.

December 6th

St. 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 8th

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception.
Masses will be held at 8:45 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

December 10th

St. Patrick School Pageant will be at 6:30 p.m. in the Church Hall.

December 14th

Parish Reconciliation Service at 7:00 p.m. in the Church

December 17th

School Reconciliation Service from 8:45 to 11:30 a.m. in the Church

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve
Thursday
5:30 and 9:00 p.m.



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

WHAT IS THE Year of mercy?

Pope Francis has announced a special Year of Mercy beginning December 8, 2015, and continuing through November 20, 2016. The Year of Mercy is a special time for prayer, pilgrimage, and works of mercy, a graced opportunity to encounter the mercy of God.

WHY A YEAR OF MERCY? “At times we are called to gaze even more attentively on mercy so that we may become a more effective sign of the Father’s action in our lives. For this reason I have proclaimed an Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy as a special time for the Church, a time when the witness of believers might grow stronger and more effective.” (Pope Francis)

WHAT IS A JUBILEE? For centuries, the Church has observed Jubilees—times of special grace and forgiveness of sins— at significant anniversaries, as in the Great Jubilee Year 2000, which marked the 2000th anniversary of Christ’s birth. The Year of Mercy is an “Extraordinary Jubilee” because it does not mark a particular anniversary. As in other Jubilee Years, the Jubilee Doors at the Major Basilicas in Rome will be opened and the faithful will have the opportunity to obtain a plenary indulgence for themselves and for their deceased loved ones.

WHERE ARE THE DOORS OF MERCY?

This Jubilee observance is unique in that Pope Francis has instructed that Doors of Mercy be designated not only in the Major Basilicas in Rome, but in every diocese around the world, in all cathedral churches and major shrines. Pope Francis will open the first Doors of Mercy on November 29, when he visits the Cathedral of Bangui in the Central African Republic. Archbishop Sartain will open the Doors of Mercy at St. James Cathedral on Sunday,



December 13. They will open for pilgrims throughout the Year of Mercy, until November 13, 2016.

HOW SHOULD WE MARK THE YEAR OF MERCY?

Pope Francis has written: “It is my burning desire that, during this Jubilee, the Christian people may reflect on the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. It will be a way to reawaken our conscience, too often grown dull in the face of poverty.... Let us rediscover these corporal works of mercy: to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, welcome the stranger, heal the sick, visit the imprisoned, and

bury the dead. And let us not forget the spiritual works of mercy: to counsel the doubtful, instruct the ignorant, admonish sinners, comfort the afflicted, forgive offences, bear patiently those who do us ill, and pray for the living and the dead.” In addition, the Year of Mercy is an opportune time to celebrate the sacraments, especially the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Eucharist, to pray, to reflect on the Scriptures (particularly the Gospel of Luke, which we will read throughout the year at Sunday Mass), and to make a pilgrimage and pass through the Doors of Mercy in Rome or closer to home at St. James Cathedral.

WHAT SPECIAL EVENTS ARE HAPPENING DURING THE YEAR OF MERCY?

Pilgrims will be welcome at St. James Cathedral throughout the year, from December 13, 2015 through November 13, 2016. In addition, a series of Jubilee events will take place in the Cathedral for various groups—religious and clergy, young people, people with special needs, and many more. Visit www.stjames-cathedral.org/mercy for the full schedule of events. There will be opportunities for prayer and reflection in every parish community as well.

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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?
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