

Parish Calendar

**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



**Monday, November 30: Mass at 7:45 a.m.**

Eucharistic Adoration - 3:00 - 6:45 p.m. - Chapel  
 Evening Prayer - 7:00 p.m. - Chapel  
 Parish Listening Session - 7:00 p.m. - Center

**Tuesday, December 1: Mass at 7:45 a.m.**

Prayer Shawl Ministry - 10:00 a.m. - Center  
 PrimeTimers - 5:30 p.m. - Center

**Wednesday, December 2:**

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

Pastoral Council Mtg. - 7:00 p.m. - Center  
 Liturgy Commission - 7:00 p.m. - Center

**Thursday, December 3: Mass at 8:45 a.m.**

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

**Friday, December 4:**

*Senior First Friday Mass at 11:00 a.m.  
 with the sacrament of anointing,  
 followed by a luncheon and fellowship*

Men's Prayer Group - 6:45 a.m. - Hall  
 Walking with Purpose - 9:00 a.m. - Hall

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

Reconciliation - 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. - Church  
 Welcome Table in the Gathering Space  
 St. Vincent de Paul Collection

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

*Second Sunday in Advent*

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

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

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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>\$14,037</b>	<b>\$433,503</b>	<b>\$373,736</b>
Year to date - <b>(\$59,767)</b>			

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

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

*Chris Birmingham  
Beth Bucsko  
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 28- RIP Joan Wilson  
Sunday, November 29 - RIP Richard Boulanger  
Monday, November 30 - RIP Lehua Persing  
Tuesday, December 1 - RIP Lawrence Merkle  
Wednesday, December 2 - *Communion Service*  
Thursday, December 3 - RIP James Wall  
Friday, December 4 - RIP Berna Cusato  
Saturday, December 5 - RIP Amy Alexeev  
Sunday, December 6 - RIP Harry Darby Trotter

### 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 December 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>

### 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!*

### Adult Confirmation

The Catholic Church requires those wishing to serve as God-Parents, Confirmation Sponsors, Liturgical Ministers or RCIA Sponsors to have received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Classes for adults are Thursdays, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center.

Please contact Leah at: (253)756-8901 or [rcia@saintpats.org](mailto:rcia@saintpats.org) to register.

### Returning Catholics

Everyone is welcome at St. Patrick especially those who are finding their way back to the Catholic Church.

We have a program called **Remembering Church** to answer your questions and help you get back into a comfortable relationship with the Church.

Please contact Leah at: (253)756-8901 or [rcia@saintpats.org](mailto:rcia@saintpats.org) to learn more.

### RCIC

The RCIC process is a journey for children to receive the sacraments who have been: Baptized in the Catholic Church and past the age of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist and has not received those Sacraments, Baptized in another Christian faith or not baptized.

**If you have a child, who falls into any of the above categories and wishes to receive the Sacraments, please join us! Our next gathering will be Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**

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

## Pierce Deanery Planning Convocation -- Parish Listening Session What's on your mind?

**On Monday evening, November 30<sup>th</sup>**, from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. St. Patrick will host an **informal listening / Q&A session** at the Parish Center to hear from you regarding the current and potential future Pastoral Leadership structure for St. Patrick and the Pierce Deanery.

Archbishop Sartain has asked the The Pierce Deanery Planning Team to develop planning options, **from the bottom up**, that will help Archbishop Sartain make the wisest and most informed decisions regarding priest placements in the coming year(s). This is our opportunity as parishioners to provide valuable input, from our unique perspective as parishioners, **before decisions are made**.

Pastoral leadership options under consideration by the Deanery include potential 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 affected parishes at our Deanery meetings. Closing or merging smaller parishes is also an option, but clearly not a desirable one.

The current model at Saint Patrick Parish, with a lay Pastoral Coordinator and Parish Priest(s) for sacraments is on the agenda, and one of the potential options being considered by other parishes in the Deanery and Diocese. That's why your input is important - it will help inform planners of whether this is a viable option to consider in the future.

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

December 2<sup>nd</sup>, - Pierce Deanery pastors, deacons and pastoral coordinators will discuss various pastoral options and make plans for two upcoming Convocations.

January 28<sup>th</sup> - 1<sup>st</sup> 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<sup>th</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> Convocation - an open convocation to parishioners from every parish in the Deanery to enter dialogue regarding the final recommendation to Archbishop Sartain.

### 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](mailto:katetbowen@gmail.com)



### Visit Us on an Upcoming Welcome Wednesday

Interested in learning more about Saint Patrick Catholic School?

We'd love to meet with you, give you a school tour and answer any questions you may have.

Our Welcome Wednesdays also give you a chance to meet our principal.

They will be offered on the following dates from 9:00 -11:00 a.m.:

December 9

January 6

January 20

February 3

February 17

Welcome Wednesdays give prospective families an excellent opportunity to see what a typical school day looks like.

Please contact the school office to let us know you will be attending at: 253-272-2297 or [school@saintpats.org](mailto:school@saintpats.org).

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](http://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.

### 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 6<sup>th</sup>.

*Prepare for the birth of Jesus!*

### Campus Improvements

A big thanks to all of the parish and school families who participated in our Nov 21, "Hedgefest" clean up at the school. We had glorious sunshine this time around and a host of new volunteers to help (many from our new Parish Gardening Ministry). Shout outs not only for all the volunteers, but to Rob Silva for organizing the effort and Doug Jones for feeding the crew!

We'd also like to thank Blaire Stalcup - for his one man effort to power wash the concrete walk ways in front of the church and in the garden area. Hasn't been done in years, and it looks marvelous. Thanks Blaire!

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 29<sup>th</sup> after Masses.



## ST. PATRICK YOUTH MINISTRY

### Youth Group

all meetings are from 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.  
 in the Parish Center, unless otherwise noted,

Games, Food, Fellowship, Fun!  
 Bring old friends, meet new ones!  
 All 6-12 graders are welcome.

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

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

### Confirmation Class

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

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.



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

As of November 24, 2015 - 245 parishioners have pledged - please join this community of stewards who have pledged by completing your Stewardship of Treasure Commitment Card.

Pledge cards are available in the pews and vestibule or on line at: [www.saintpats.org](http://www.saintpats.org).

Please return it to the parish center through the mail, by dropping it off at the parish center, or through the Sunday collection.

Maria Aldrete - Levy	Sheree Clark	Dolores Glump
Kim Althoff	James & Mary Beth Clavenna	Mark & Cheryl Gosselin
Frank & Rosalie Amann	Mollie Cleary	Barbara Gruber
James Andersen & Mary Lobdell	John & Angela Connelly, Jr.	Gerry Gunovich
Jerry Anderson	Chris Constantine & Molly Hagan	Brent & Shannon Hall
Karen Anderson	Ferdinand & Andrea Cruz	Denton & Judy Hanford
Richard & Carol Anning	Georgeann Cukjati	James & Jill Hanson
German Anulacion	Don & Marcella Cummins	Marlene Harnish
David & Dixie Lee Atkinson	Jamie & Wynter Dait	Scott & Theresa Harris
William & Marilyn Bailey, Jr.	Donald & Joan Day	John & Jennie Hautala
Jeffrey Ball	Virginia Delyanis	Claire Hayes
Dan & Cheryl Balmelli	Joann Devlin	Alan & Gabrielle Campagna Heckler
Robert & Helen Batie	Joseph & Monica Kiehl Devlin	Eugene & Linda Heiser
David & Iris Beardemphl	Kushal & Mary Dhesi	Mark & Kim Hendrickson
Joel & Lisa Beritich	Mike & Judy Dillinger	Andrew & Jacqueline Henrikson
Robert & Kathleen Bethke	Robert & Lisa Dini	Barbara Hepfer
Joshua & Meaghan Bihun	Diane Doherty	Al & Kathy Hicks
Raymond & Barbara Bolanos	Frank & Joan Doherty	Robert & Cheryl Hoffman
Blake & Sharrie Bolton	Terry & Mary Donahue	Brendan & Kelli Hogarty
John & Vivian Bosse	Donald & Laura Dougherty	Joy Holmes
Ellen Brady	Dave & Ginny Douglas	Thomas Holt
Jennifer Brennan	Helen Downey	Laurie Horn
Debora Brese	Virgil & Josephine Duyungan	Karl & Monica Ilacqua
David & Michele Britton	Mark & Denise Dynan	Nancy Jaenicke
Dennis & Laurie Brooke	Don & Ann Marie Eberhart	Matthew & Jocelyn Jamora
Charles & Margaret Brown	William & Barbara Eckert	Mark & Sheila Jensen
Robert & Karen Bruback	Stephen & Anne Enquist	Philip H. & Anne Marie Jesse
Constance L. Bryant	Dennis Faker	Barry A. & Tessa Johnson
Harold G. & Florence Bucholz	Dianne Falk	Liu & Christy Johnson
Kathleen Bucholz & Andy Moore	Michael & Julia Fallon	William & Kristine Johnston
Don & Beth Bucsko	Gail Ferry	Robert & Ann Kahr
Andrea Burns	Norman & Patricia Fiacchi	Leilane & Heather Kaleiwahea
Jon Calder	David & Mary Kay Firestine	Toni Kanzler
Susan Campbell	Julie Fitchitt	Anton & Lorraine Karabaich
Eddie & Michelle Carpenter	Garry & Cathleen Fitzgerald	Colleen Keely
Shirley Carstens	Julie Foley	Paul & Emily Keller
Robert & Theresa Ceccarelli	Pearl Fors	Regina Keller
Jack & Anne Chambers	Michael & Maureen Freeman	Teresa Kilga
Sue Chouinard	Michael & Katherine Garrison	Chris Kradjan & Chris Schaller-Kradjan
Charles & Suzanne Christnacht	Randy & Sherree Gause	Brian & Sarah Kranick
Joan Christnacht	Chris & Doreen Gavin	Robert & Sandra Kuharic
David & Mary Ann Clabaugh	Rosalie George	Robert C. & Molly Lane
Pierson & Sara Clair	Philip & Lisa Girolami	Tom & Mary Larsen
		James F. & Elizabeth Leggett

Robert Levens	Patricia Ottow	Jeannine Sturman
Kirk & Mary Levenson	Marilee Owen	Jackie Swift
Nannette Liberatore	Toby & Mai Pacheco	Matthew & Christina Thomas
David Little	Joel Panlilio & Joyce Dinglasan-Panlilio	Ralph & Barbara Tomberg
Enrique & Laurie LLanas	Anthony Pepin & Marie Hollinshead	Greg & Amy Unruh
Kevin & Lisa Lovejoy	John & Mary Peterson	Ronald & Yvonne Vanderleest
Eliza Lujan	James J. & MaryAnn Petrich	Stephen & Jane Ver Valin
Shawn & Christian Lund	Peter & Mary Petrich	Leah Walker
Mary Lundeen	Shane & Valerie Pettit	Jerald & Elizabeth Walle
Robert Mack	Robert & Carol May Pfeiffer	John & Amy Waller
Kimberly Mackey	Stephen & Meghan Pickard	John & Denise Ward
Tim & Heather Maher	Eric & Charlene Piercy	Sara Waversveld & Todd Donato
Terry & Helen Manley	Cathy Pillis	Marganne Weathers
Ann Marinkovich	Michael & Cheri Prichard	Jason & Claire Webber
Brian & Amy Marlow	Michael Priebe	Kathy Weber
Robert & Mindi Marsh	Daniel & Jana Quiocho	Asher & Barbara White
Timothy & Megan McDaniel	Richard & Linda Ranch	William & Connie White
Mary Anne McDonald	Mary Randall	Clayton & Jo Ann Williams
John & Jane McDonough	Stephen & Joan Rapkoch	Rex & Judy Wood
Mike & Mary McDougal	John & Shirley Read	Charles Woods & Catherine Leone-Woods
John & Elizabeth McDougall	David & Leanne Redding	John & Amanda Woodstrom
Tara McGregor	John & Dolly Reed	Dennis & Jenifer Woxen
Aloysius McKaig	Robert E. & Dianne Rieder	Irena Wright
Elizabeth McKinney	Patricia Rink	Robert & Patricia Young
Lawrence & Millie Mc Nerthney	Betsy Rodriguez	Robert & Debbie Zeemin
Penny Melton	James & Penny Rooks, Jr.	Jake & Kathy Zimmerman
Mark & Bernadette Melvard	Jonathan & Cristina Ross	
Gary & Anne Mesick	RJ & Sandi Ryder	
Connie Moisio	Jason & Jennifer Saldana	
Stuart & Danica Morgan	Patricia Sankovich	
Fred & Lynda Morley	Chris & Mary Schneider	
Christopher & Jill Myers	Mark & Lisa Schomogyi	
Andrea Natalizio	Kevin Semler	
Lon & Nancy Nelson	Scott & Emily Shaw	
Eric & Toni Norling	Robert Silva	
Theresa Norris	Barbara Simpson	
Andrew & Blanca Norton	Earl & Wendy Sodeman	
Eduardo Nunez	Gerald & Betty Solberg	
Mary Lou O'Brien	Jeffrey & Angela Sorenson	
Claire O'Flaherty	Christopher & Anita Staeheli	
John O'Loughlin	Dominic & Tara Staeheli	
James & JoAnn O'Neill	Therese Staeheli	
Eamon & Elizabeth O'Reilly	Bill & Michele Staley	
Joseph & Susan Olivadoti	Callie M. Sterino	
Ben & Nancy Olson		

### 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.

Living your Strengths  
during the  
1<sup>st</sup> week of Advent

During the Season of Advent we will explore ways to connect our talents with Scripture.

Talents are the 34 words as (defined) by the book **Strengthsfinder 2.0**. We will look at Mary, The Mother of Jesus, as we ponder these questions.

"Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her." (Luke 1: 38)

Think of a time when I said "Yes" even when I knew there was risk involved. How have my talent strengths helped me to follow through on this "Yes"? and what strengths did I use.

How has this saying "Yes" helped my faith to grow?

People strong in *Competition Strength* measure their progress against the performance of others. They strive to win first place and revel in contests.

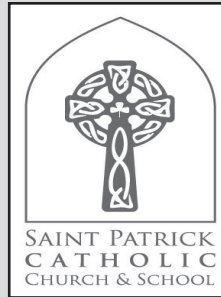
If you haven't done so already, please consider downloading "Myparishapp" during this Advent Season. This is a great way to make the Advent season more present in your daily lives with seasonal reflections, reminders and daily readings.

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

At the Christmas Vigil Mass on Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 p.m., children will act out the Gospel story, serve as lectors, carry up the Gifts, and help greet at the door. We are looking for children to bring this celebration to life. **Children MUST attend two practices: Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, and Tuesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, both from 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. at the Church.** If your child is between the ages of 5-12, *is a good listener*, and would like to be involved, please contact Donna Añel at: daanel@juno.com. We also need adults/parents to assist; be rewarded with school volunteer hours, early Mass seating, and precious Christmas memories. We look forward to your participation in this beautiful tradition!

## Saint Patrick Catholic School

Over a Century of Academic Excellence  
In the Catholic Tradition



Be it known to all who enter here that Christ is the reason for this school.

*He is the unseen but ever-present teacher in the classroom.*

He is the model of its faculty and the Inspiration of its students.

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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:wwp@saintpats.org) or (253) 223-2957. *We hope you can join us!*

## PrimeTimers



Join us at the Parish Center for a potluck dinner on **Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>** at **5:30 p.m.**

*We welcome anyone 50+ and single!*

## 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](http://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.

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 Heart

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

Join our Prayer Shawl Ministry meeting **this Tuesday, at 10:00 a.m.** in the Parish Center.

This ministry makes shawls for people in need. Once the shawls are completed they are blessed and then they are available to anyone in need, whether they are sick, recovering, grieving, etc.

All skill levels are invited to participate in this ministry and we will teach you if you would like to learn how. To get a prayer shawl for your loved one, contact the Parish Center at 253-383-2783.



## St. Patrick Seniors - XYZ

Please join us Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> for First Friday Mass at 11:00 a.m., with the sacrament of anointing, 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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.



## *St. Patrick Parish Advent Activities - 2015*

**December - January - February** - Our Social Justice Group sponsors an annual collection of blankets, coats, hats, mittens/gloves and socks to be shared with the homeless. You are asked to be sure that the items you share are clean and in good, useable condition. Containers for the items are found in the Gathering Space.

**Sock Collection** - PrimeTimers are collecting new socks filled with toiletries for the homeless. Containers for donated socks can be found in the Gathering Space and the Parish Center. Socks will be collected until Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Advent** - Our annual Jesse Tree will be in the Gathering Space of the Church during Advent. The names of our parishioners who are homebound are placed on the Jesse Tree for you to take and mail them a card. It is our way of saying "we are thinking of you!"

**December 4<sup>th</sup>** - Senior First Friday Mass at 11:00 a.m. with luncheon following in Church Hall.

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

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

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

**December 14<sup>th</sup>** - Parish Reconciliation Service at 7:00 p.m. in the Church

**December 17<sup>th</sup>** - School Reconciliation Service from 8:45 to 11:30 a.m. in the Church

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

### *Christmas Mass Schedule*

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

### Jesse Tree

The Jesse Tree is in the Gathering Space of the Church beginning the first weekend of Advent. The Jesse tree symbolizes all of the sick and homebound in our parish family who are no longer able to attend our weekend liturgies. Please take a name from our Jesse Tree and send them a Christmas card wishing them the peace, joy, hope and love that the Christmas Season offers. If you know someone who might be comforted from our Jesse Tree list of names, please contact Mary at: 383-2783 or [mrandall@saintpats.org](mailto:mrandall@saintpats.org).

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



St. Patrick Parish  
Habitat for Humanity Build Day  
Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>  
Contact Chip McCullough at:  
253-381-9212 or  
[chipmccullough@comcast.net](mailto:chipmccullough@comcast.net)  
for details on location and times.

### 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.

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

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

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

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

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

**Parish Councils and Commissions**

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**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  
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**Daily Mass Set Up:** Jane McDonough  
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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**

**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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