

Parish Calendar



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

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Children's Liturgy - During Masses - Mtg. Rm.
No Sunday Social Hour
Welcome Table in the Gathering Space

Monday, September 7: Mass at 7:45 a.m.

Parish Center Closed for Labor Day

No Eucharistic Adoration
Adult Bible Study - 7:00 p.m. - Center

Tuesday, September 8: Mass at 7:45 a.m.

Wednesday, September 9:

Communion Service at 7:45 a.m.

KC Potluck/Rosary - 6:30 p.m. - Hall
Stewardship Commission - 7:00 p.m. - Center

Thursday, September 10: Mass at 8:45 a.m.

RCIA Sponsor Training - 600 p.m. - Center

Friday, September 11: Mass at 7:45 a.m.

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

Saturday, September 12: Mass at 5:30 p.m.

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

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

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Children's Liturgy - During Masses - Mtg. Rm.
St. Vincent de Paul Collection
No Sunday Social Hour
Parish and School Picnic -
 After 10:30 Mass - In the Church courtyard
Youth Group - 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. - Center
Confirmation - 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. - Center

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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.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of
Margot Buvenida Ryder

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

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

Sr. Esther Aherne, OP
David Atkinson
Chris Birmingham
Jack Enright

Pearl Fors
Suzanne Gardner
Joanne Girolami
Sr. Peg Murphy, OP

Carol Pfeiffer
Rick Ranch
Ingrid Skeldon
Betty Solberg

Start your Day with Mass!

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. and is also attended by the school children.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 5 - RIP - Hannah Rajacich

Sunday, September 6 - RIP - Cathy Baird

Monday, September 7 - RIP - Tom Beritich

Tuesday, September 8 - RIP - Chris Connors

Wednesday, September 9 - *Communion Service*

Thursday, September 10 - RIP - Hannah Rajacich

Friday, September 11 - RIP - C. Donald Johnson

Saturday, September 12 - RIP - Lawrence Merkle

Sunday, September 13 - RIP - Cathy Baird

Baptism Class

The next Baptism Class will be on September 20th from Noon to 4:00 p.m.

To register or for more information, contact Amy at: 383-2783 ext. 4113.



Due to Labor Day weekend, St. Vincent de Paul will be collecting monetary donations September 12th & 13th, after all Masses.

Welcome Visitors!

St. Patrick Catholic Church is proud to welcome visitors from near and far throughout the year.

Thank you for adding to the power of our prayer by your presence in our midst today.

We hope you feel welcome and return when you are in the area again!

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

Saint 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.

The Pope is on Instagram, Northwest Catholic Magazine is on Twitter,

Bishop-elect Robert Barron on YouTube and The Archdiocese of Seattle on Facebook.

Social media is a great way to keep in touch with St. Patrick and stay on top of happenings in the Catholic world so you can share the Good News with your friends and family.

You can subscribe to Saint Patrick Catholic Church on YouTube for quick and easy access to the weekly homily and follow us on Twitter and Instagram for photos and Like us on Facebook for links to the latest published news on the website.

Listen to the weekend's homily again. You might hear something you missed the first time.

St. Patrick Church and School Annual Picnic

Sunday, September 13th

Starting at Noon in the Church Courtyard

Last names beginning with A - H, please bring a Salad
 Last Names beginning with I - R, please bring a Side Dish
 Last Names beginning with S - Z, please bring a Dessert

If the weather is nice bring a blanket and relax on the grass!

Brought to you by your Knights of Columbus,
 the St. Patrick Parents Association and St. Patrick Pastoral Council

Congratulations and
 God's Blessings

*Theresa Martin
 and*

Manuel Martinez III
 married at

St. Patrick Church
 on Saturday, August 29th.

*Please pray for them as they begin
 their new life together.*

Get the Latest Parish News

Like us on Facebook -

<https://www.facebook.com/stpatschurch>

Follow us on Twitter -

<https://www.twitter.com/saintpatstacoma>

Follow us on Instagram -

<https://www.instagram.com/saintpatstacoma/>

Download my Parish App -

<http://www.myparishapp.com>

Visit us on the Web -

<https://www.saintpats.org>

And how does one become Catholic?

Have you been attending Mass
 with a friend or family member
 and want to know more about joining the Church?
 Are you afraid that asking questions might lead to
 more commitment than you are ready for?

Join us for **RCIA**
 (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)
 and see what we are all about
 with no strings attached.

Beginning Thursday, September 17th
 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center
 we will be exploring the Catholic faith,
 and what it could mean for you.

Questions? Contact Leah at:
 (253)756-8901 or rcia@saintpats.org
 We are waiting to hear from you!

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 .

ST. PATRICK CHURCH YOUTH MINISTRY

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

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's and women's sessions, and videos.

Sept. - **13 (KICK OFF NIGHT)**, 27
Oct. 11, 25
Nov. 8, 22
Dec. 13
Jan. 10, 24
Feb. 7, 21
Mar. 6, 20
April 10, 24
May 1 NET RETREAT
3:00 - 8:00 p.m. Diner provided
May 15 Wrap Up Event
May 15, 10:30 A.M. Mass -
High School Senior Blessing

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

Sept. 13, 27
Oct. 11, 25
Nov. 8, 22
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.

Knights of Columbus Annual Soccer Challenge

Boys and Girls ages 9-14
September 13th from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.
in the Parish Center Parking Lot.

After enjoying a picnic lunch
come over and participate!
Winners by age and gender will advance
to district and possibly State competition.

Any questions email Mike Prichard at:
Mprich56@aol.com



Atrium Registration is Now Taking Place

If you would like to register your child for the
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (atrium),
registration materials are now available.

Registration materials may be found on our
parish website at: www.saintpats.org
or in the gathering space of the Church.

You may also contact Kim Ward at:
(253) 383-2783 ext. 4108
or kward@saintpats.org
to request a registration packet
or to answer any questions.

To learn more about the Catechesis of the Good
Shepherd,
please go to www.cgsusa.org



2015 St. Patrick Cross Country Team

Come join the fun and be part of our team!

We welcome all new and returning runners of any experience and ability level
who belong to St. Pat's parish and will be in grades K - 8 next school year.

The season starts at the beginning of September and goes through the 1st weekend of October.

If your kids are interested in joining the team, please call Megan Miller at: 253-752-0509
and leave a message including your child's name and your email address,
or email the CYO director Matt Smith at: matt@vistaproperties.us



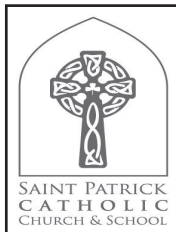
Saint Patrick Catholic School

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.



We're back
and ready for a great year!

See what we have planned
at: www.saintpats.org

Our deepest thanks go to our
tireless and compassionate parents
and other volunteers who contribute hundreds of
hours of service to the school every year.

Their hard work, selflessness and generosity
support our mission to nurture our students in an
abiding Catholic faith.

Opportunities needing volunteer or commitment
hours include activities such as help with the
REACH Auction, Scrip, book fairs, lunch,
Grandparents' Day, Spring Musical, Science Fair,
Catholic Schools Week, or with
Boy or Girl Scouts – to name a few.

Because a parent is a child's first and best teacher,
parents are welcome to volunteer in the classroom
and take an active role in their child's education.



Do you have questions about our
Scrip Fundraising Program?

We've updated the website with details and forms to
make it easier for you to sign up and continue to
shop with Scrip to raise funds for St. Pat's.

If you have questions, please email
scrip@saintpats.org.

Stewardship of Talent

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

Over 400 parishioners are currently exploring and
developing their God-given strengths,
or groups of talents.

The Strengths process helps us to better
understand our talent themes.

As we continue to explore these themes,
writings from our Church's documents or words
from spiritual writers about our relationship in
Christ as uniquely created children of God.

It's never too late to become involved in
Living Your Strengths,
you'll find much to deepen your relationship
with God and others.

For more information, contact Mary at: 383-2783
ext. 4109 or mrandall@saintpats.org.

People strong in
Self Assurance Strength
feel confident in their ability to manage their
own lives. They possess an inner compass
that gives them confidence
that their decisions are right.

Eucharistic Ministers at the Altar

Please mark your calendars for
September 12th & 13th, after all Masses.

It is highly recommended that you
attend a special training:
(P)PURIFYING TRAINING
with Deacon Bill, after Mass clean-up.



Ushers Needed

The Saturday Evening Vigil Mass
is in need of Ushers.

If you feel called to this ministry,
please contact Tony Karabaich at:
376-1054 or karaboooo@hotmail.com



Glad You Asked That! - Frequently Asked Questions Installment #6

Question - Is St. Pat's now a Jesuit Parish?

Answer

No. St. Pat's remains a diocesan parish, aided by the local Bellarmine Prep Jesuit community who have agreed to serve as parish priests, who will celebrate Mass and the Sacraments. We are blessed with the unique charisms of these Jesuit priests, particularly during this historic time of the first ever Jesuit Pope - Pope Francis. We are grateful for the opportunity to celebrate Mass with three very unique priests who will each, in his own way, accompany us on our journey with Christ.

Question - What's the future look like for St. Pat's?

Answer

That's a great question. In a nutshell it's bright and positive. We have a great team of leaders on the staff and in our ministry groups, and a wonderful group of parishioners. To prepare for the future, we recently assembled a Strategic Planning Team. This team (facilitated by Barbara Eckert, who works for the Catholic Leadership Institute (CLI), and comprised of representatives from our parish staff, various councils and commissions, and at large members) will soon begin the process of developing a long-range strategic plan for the parish. Parishioners will be well informed of the process and provided opportunities to participate in shaping the future of the parish. We can't plan our future without your input. Your parish staff is committed to being open and transparent throughout the entire planning process.

Cara to Cara Welcoming Reception

The Cara to Cara Ministry will be hosting a Welcoming Reception for our new priests and for all parishioners who joined St. Patrick this year.

The reception will be held after all Masses the weekend of September 26th and 27th.

At the Saturday night vigil on the 26th, the Cara to Cara hosts will be serving wine and cheese.

On the 28th after the Sunday Masses, scrumptious breakfast items will be served.

Please join us for this event that will also showcase our wonderful ministries and their leaders during our Stewardship of Talent weekend.



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

Join in and stay connected with us all week long.

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

Be sure to download the App today by visiting myparishapp.com or searching for my parish your phone's App store.

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.





WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

Love Is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive

Since its inception by Saint John Paul II in 1994, the World Meeting of Families has strengthened the sacred bonds of families across the globe.

The Archdiocese of Seattle is planning a pilgrimage to the World Meeting of Families. Held every three years and sponsored by the Holy See's Pontifical Council for the Family, the World Meeting of Families is the world's largest Catholic gathering of families. Each World Meeting of Families has a theme that energizes and enlivens the event while adding great depth of meaning to our understanding of families.

The theme of the World Meeting of Families – Philadelphia 2015 is "Love Is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive," emphasizing the impact of the love and life of families on our society.

There will be two phases of the WMF 2015: the Congress (Sept. 22-25) and the weekend events celebrating Pope Francis' visit.

Adult Congress (18 +)

Internationally known and engaging speakers will talk, present panels and lead workshops so that participants can support each other in the joys and struggles of life.

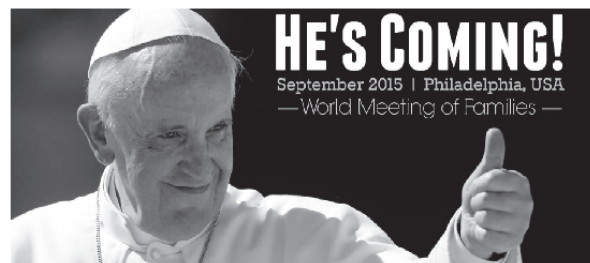
Keynote Speakers:

Bishop-elect Robert Barron
Cardinal Seán Patrick O'Malley O.F.M. Cap.
Professor Helen Alvaré
Dr. Juan Francisco de la Guardia Brin &
Gabriela N. de la Guardia
Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle
Cardinal Robert Sarah

Youth Congress (6 –17)

The Youth Congress will be an interactive program where young people can build, create, play, listen, serve, and embrace the Mission of Love that brings Families Fully Alive.

*Daycare will be available.



The Archdiocese is organizing two pilgrimage options:

1. Monday-Monday, Sept. 21-28 – This will include the entire weeklong congress with big-name speakers, and the Papal Mass on Sunday, September 27.
2. Friday-Monday, Sept. 25-28 – This will include Saturday events for all ages, and the Papal Mass on Sunday, September 27.

More information is available at:

www.seattlearchdiocese.org/wmf

Adult Educational Opportunity

“Teach us to see all things with the eyes of Jesus, that he may be light for our path. And may this light of faith always increase in us, until the dawn of that undying day which is Christ himself, your Son, our Lord!”

Pope Francis, Lumen Fidei

Do you long to learn more about our Catholic Faith?

The Archdiocese of Seattle offers excellent classes on many topics including: God’s Call and Our Response ‘Intro into the Bible and Tradition’ ‘God and the Human Person’, and ‘Luke/Acts’ just to list a few.

Each class is 4 hours long and costs \$25. **SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE.**

The next series of classes will be offered at Saint Bernadette in Burien and at Sacred Heart in Bellevue.

Held on either a Saturday or Sunday afternoon, classes are taught by qualified and enthusiastic instructors.

If you are desiring to complete the Catechist Certification Program or if you would like to attend one or more of these classes for an adult educational opportunity, please go directly to the Archdiocese website at: www.seattlearchdiocese.org/foundations or call Kim at the Parish Center for more information.

Visitation School 90th Anniversary

**Visitation Catholic School Graduates!
Join us on Saturday, September 19th
from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. for the school's
90th Anniversary.**

Special guests from Visitation's past will attend to commemorate the long history of our South Tacoma school, located at: 3306 S. 58th St.

Activities include a BBQ food truck, beer garden, school tours & class pictures and a bounce house for kids.

Even if you can't attend, please send a fond recollection of your days at Visitation to:

RSVP@visitationschool.net

so we can share your memories with everyone!



Household Donations

Youth Group continues to raise funds by collecting clothing and household items. Please bring your donations to the Church parking lot bin marked “Sight Connection”. The bin is emptied on Fridays and Youth Group earns 20 cents for each pound collected.

Please only leave items that will fit into the bin.

Thank you!



Nativity House

Nativity House is currently in great need of men and women's clothing for our homeless guests.

Always needed are underwear and socks.

With the weather turning cooler gently used sweaters, jackets, shoes and warmer clothing will be much appreciated.

Nativity House is next to St. Leo Church at:

702 S 14th Street, Tacoma
and is open 7 days a week.

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.

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.

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.

Men's Prayer Group

*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.

Children's Rosary

Children's Rosary is on hiatus. Watch the bulletin for information when we will resume.

We look forward to praying with you and Our Lady!

For information about Children's Rosary Group, go to: <http://childrensrosary.blogspot.com/>



Changes to the Safe Environment Program

Welcome to Virtus!

Effective July 1, 2015, the Archdiocese of Seattle has changed vendors and is now using VIRTUS for its training as well as for tracking Safe Environment compliance. VIRTUS offers a comprehensive program, including Safe Environment training for adults as well as children and youth. VIRTUS also provides a more convenient way for participants to register, read and sign Safe Environment policies online, fill out information for a criminal background check and register for a Safe Environment class.

How will the changes affect you?

All current employees and volunteers who have already completed the Safe Environment requirements will be automatically transferred into the new database. VIRTUS will send log-on information to every current participant by the end of August. Those who have already attended a Called to Protect for Ministries class will not be required to take the VIRTUS foundation class, Protecting God's Children. These individuals will be notified by VIRTUS when it is time to renew their background check and/or take an online refresher course, which is now required every three years.

New employees and volunteers will be able to log-on to VirtusOnline.org, establish their account and follow the steps to becoming compliant with all Safe Environment requirements.

Watch for more information in the coming weeks.

Each parish and school in the Archdiocese of Seattle has a designated Safe Environment coordinator who will be assisting employees, volunteers and parents with this transition.

Please do not hesitate to contact your coordinator with your questions or concerns.

School volunteers, please contact Bonnie Viafore at: 272-2297 ext. 4132

Parish Volunteers, please contact Michelle Carpenter at: 383-2783 ext. 4103

As always, we thank you for your commitment to keeping our parishes and schools safe and healthy for our children, youth and vulnerable adults.

Project Rachel

Healing lives touched by abortion

If the emotional and spiritual wounds of abortion have been sapping faith, virtue and joy from your life, enter a spiritual process for healing that will change your life.

Reach out, we can help. Come to a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat, Find healing and peace for your soul.

Call for information on our next scheduled Healing Retreat Weekend.
1-800-822-HOPE

Sponsor Training Workshop

There will be a workshop for all those interested in **being a RCIA sponsor on Thursday, September 10th at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center.**

It is important that anyone deciding to undertake this important role be prepared to journey with those involved in the process.

We are in need of parish members who feel called to participate in this faith renewing exercise.

Please contact Leah at (253)7556-8901 if you wish to attend.

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**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:** Barbara Simpson**Health Ministry:****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**ReMembering Church:** Leah Walker**Respect Life Group:** Paddy O'Halloran**Senior Ministry:** Joan Doherty**Sister Parish:** Florence Bucholz**Social Justice Group:** Bill White**Sunday Social Hour:** Clare Keller**St. Vincent de Paul:** Dolly Reed**Ushers:** Tony Karabaich**Walking with Purpose:** Megan McDaniel**Welcoming Committee:** Joanne Girolami**Young Professionals:** Lauren Hobby

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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**