

August 16, 2015

## Parish Calendar



SAINT PATRICK  
CATHOLIC  
CHURCH & SCHOOL

### **Sunday, August 16: Mass at 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.**

*Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Children's Liturgy - During Masses - Mtg. Rm.  
Sunday Social Hour

### **Monday, August 17: Mass at 7:45 a.m.**

Eucharistic Adoration - 3:00 - 6:45 p.m. - Chapel  
Adult Bible Study - 7:00 p.m. - Center  
Benedictine Spirituality - 7:00 p.m. - Chapel  
Evening Prayer - 7:00 p.m. - Center

### **Tuesday, August 18: Mass at 7:45 a.m.**

Prayer Shawl Mtg. - 1:00 p.m. - Center  
KC Officers Mtg. - 6:30 p.m. - Hall  
PrimeTimers - 6:30 p.m. - Off site

### **Wednesday, August 19:**

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

### **Thursday, August 20: Mass at 7:45 a.m.**

Senior Bridge - 12:15 p.m. - Center

### **Friday, August 21: Mass at 7:45 a.m.**

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

### **Saturday, August 22: Mass at 5:30 p.m.**

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

### **Sunday, August 23: Mass at 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.**

*Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Children's Liturgy - During Masses - Mtg. Rm.  
Sunday Social Hour - PrimeTimers

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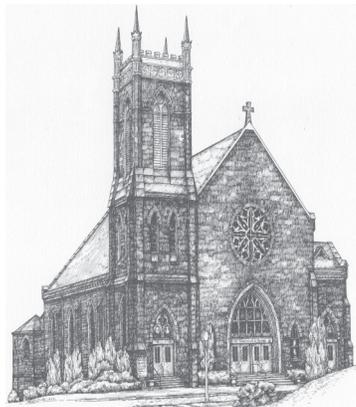
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## Welcome Visitors!

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

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!*

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

*Jeanette Struns*

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*  
*Jack Enright*  
*Pearl Fors*

*Suzanne Gardner*  
*Joanne Girolami*  
*Pam McCarthy*  
*Sr. Peg Murphy, OP*  
*Carol Pfeiffer*

*Rick Ranch*  
*Ingrid Skeldon*  
*Betty Solberg*  
*Jamie Welch*

### Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 15 - Assumption of Mary

Sunday, August 16 - Intentions of Margaret Laverty

Monday, August 17 - Friday, August 21

*Communion Services*

Saturday, August 22 - RIP Lawrence Merkle

Sunday, August 23 - RIP George Ancich

### The next **Baptism Class**

will be on September 20<sup>th</sup>

from Noon to 4:00 p.m.

To register or for more information,  
please contact Amy at the Parish Center  
383-2783 ext. 4113.



### Interested in becoming Catholic?

For those interested in learning more about the Catholic Church or wanting to join in full communion with the Church, **"Inquiry" sessions are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center.**

These informal classes will help you discern whether you wish to continue the process known as the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), which prepares adults to become members of the Catholic Church.

Questions? –  
Call Leah at 253-756-8901

### Cell Tower Update - 08/12/15

The proposed agreement between St. Patrick and Verizon, to lease space in the church tower for cell phone transmitters is still a work in progress. We've spent the past year working out the details of the proposed lease and related documents with input from the Property Office of the Archdiocese. We hope to reach a final agreement in the next few months. It's a complicated process, but we want to take the time to ensure we fully understand the underlying facts before any final papers are signed. Please contact the Parish Center office if you have any questions.

### 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, Father 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.

Most likely you are on one of these social media favorites - add Saint Patrick Catholic Church.

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

## Aggiornamento III Parish Renewal Retreat Update

Last January, more than 90 parishioners attended our parish retreat entitled: "Joy of Being Catholic." Last week they found in their mailboxes reminders of what they had committed to doing for themselves and for the parish at the end of the retreat.

Retreats are good for the soul. This retreat was the third in a series offered by our Stewardship Commission. As one participant noted, "Coming to these retreats helps me feel more connected to God, to my inner self, and for what I can be doing for our faith community."

## Extended Care Job Opening 2015-2016 School Year

Join our 2015-16 Extended Care Team at St. Patrick Catholic School! We have an opening for an after-school assistant who will help our Extended Care team supervise K-6<sup>th</sup> grade students. Hours are Monday-Friday from approximately 2:45 - 5:15. Starting Salary is \$10.50 per hour. School begins Tuesday, September 1, 2015!

Please contact our Extended Care coordinator Cindy Schweppe: [cschweppe@saintpats.org](mailto:cschweppe@saintpats.org) or Michele Graves: [mgraves@saintpats.org](mailto:mgraves@saintpats.org) or call the school office at 272-2297.

## 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.



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](http://myparishapp.com) or searching for my parish your phone's App store.



**Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**After 10:30 a.m. Mass**

**Our Annual  
St. Patrick Catholic Church and  
School Picnic!**

**Watch the bulletin for more details...**

Dear St. Patrick Community,

One of the quotes I have used often in Marriage homilies was, "a good marriage is said to be when you give the best years of your life to the one who made them the best." Well, that's how I feel about the people of St. Patrick. I gave the best years of my life to you, who made them the best.

I have no regrets, but a heart filled with gratitude and joy. But there is an emptiness that I am going to have to deal with. It will take time to mourn the loss of a community that was my family. I always had a real sense of belonging and a sense of welcome and acceptance. Life will never be the same again but I can look back knowing that I have been richly blessed by your kindness, your support and cooperation. We accomplished a lot together and because of you I am proud and humbled to have been a part of such a beautiful community. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for all you have done and meant to me over the past 20 years.

A very sincere and humble thank you for all your beautiful notes and memories and gifts upon my departure. Each day I will rejoice and give thanks for being your Pastor and your servant. Like St. Francis said, it is in giving that we receive. I certainly, have received far more than I ever gave. Thank you for accepting me, for welcoming me as you did and for loving and forgiving me. My heart will always yearn to be back among you. While it is not possible to be with you in person I will always be with you in spirit. And every time I celebrate Mass you will be remembered affectionately as the greatest blessing that God bestowed upon me in all my years as a Priest.

God bless you and hold you gently in the palm of His hand.  
With the utmost respect and gratitude.

Sincerely,



Fr. Seamus.

## Glad You Asked That! - Frequently Asked Questions Installment #3

### Question - Is St. Pat's ready for the new Pastoral Leadership Model?

**Answer** - Absolutely. We have three exceptional Parish Priests to celebrate the Sacraments, an incredibly devoted Deacon who knows our St. Patrick community, a Pastoral Coordinator with 4 years of experience running the day to day business of the parish, one of the best Principals in the state leading our school, a seasoned parish staff with over 75 years of combined pastoral service, and the best parishioners a community could ask for. Father Seamus' parting words were, "God saved the best for last." Well, that "best" is still filling our pews on Sunday; parishioners we know who will continue to live the faith and support one another just as we have for over 120 years at St. Patrick.

### Question - Will we continue to receive information about what is happening?

**Answer** - Yes, our staff and parish leaders remain committed to keeping you informed of parish life at St. Patrick. In addition to checking the weekly bulletin, we strongly encourage you to visit our website at [www.saintpats.org](http://www.saintpats.org), download myParish - a Catholic app to your phone, Like us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter and Instagram and subscribe to us on YouTube.

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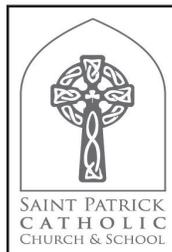
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# Just saying thank you doesn't seem enough. But thank you!



*Archbishop Sartain, Leigh Stringfellow; Vicar of Clergy Office -*  
for their prayers, discernment and wisdom in arriving at this new leadership model for St. Patrick;

*Jesuit community, in particular the Provincial Father Santarosa,  
and our three new parish priests -  
Fathers John, Jerry and Tom,*  
for sharing their charisms with our community;

### *Party Planners*

*Kathy Forte, Michelle Carpenter, Suzanne Christnacht, Mollie Cleary,  
Heather Maher, Sheila Jensen, Trish Joyce, Lorraine Karabaich, Molly Lane,  
Mary Leverson, Joann O'Neill, Mary Rowlands  
and Adrielle Manke Flinders from Gallucci's Catering.*  
for a great send off for Father Seamus;

### *The Knights of Columbus*

*Kim Althoff, Sean Drew, Bob Hoffman, Pat Igo, Mark Jensen, Tony Karabaich  
Jim Leggett, Joe Mancuso, John McDonough, Jim Rooks, Rob Silva and Matt Tyler*  
for helping Father and Kerry move to their new home;

### *Transition Planning Team members*

*Deacon Bill, Dave Beardemphl, Charles Christnacht, Georgeann Cujkati,  
Lauren Hobby, Sandra Kuharic, Mary Larsen, Cathy Leone-Woods,  
Gavin MacHutchin, and Mary Randall,*  
for their commitment to full communication and transparency throughout the transition process;

### *Parish Staff*

for their continued support throughout the transition and their willingness  
to accept new duties and responsibilities best suited for the good of the parish;

### *Pastoral Council*

for agreeing to stay on one more year to help us with the transition;

### *and our St. Patrick parishioners*

for your generosity in sending Father Seamus off with a nice Fun Fund,  
for your patience and understanding during this period of transition,  
and for your continued support as we pass from this state of transition  
and get back to business, spreading the gospel message -

## **GO CHURCH!**



SAINT PATRICK  
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Saint Patrick Catholic Church is transitioning to a new model of pastoral leadership – one that has been very successful in other parishes throughout the archdiocese. The model includes a Pastoral Coordinator who will oversee the day to day administrative duties of the parish community including the staff, budget and more.

The sacramental needs of Saint Patrick Catholic Church & School – Mass, Reconciliation, Weddings, Anointing of the Sick and more will be handled by three members of the Jesuit community in Tacoma:

Fr. Tom Lamanna, the superior, Fr. John Fuchs, a familiar face at St. Patrick, along with Fr. Jerry Graham. Deacon Bill Eckert will continue to serve us with his Homilies, RCIA Leadership, Adult Bible Study Classes and the many ways he supports St. Patrick Church.

## Meet the Team!

### Kevin Lovejoy, Pastoral Coordinator

Kevin is the seventh of eight children. He grew up on Capitol Hill in Seattle, WA. They were parishioners at Saint Joe's and the Cathedral. After graduating from Seattle Prep in 1977, Kevin moved on to the University of Notre Dame, and later earned a law degree from Catholic University.

He spent the next 25 years with his wife Lisa and their children traveling the world as an Army Judge Advocate. His final assignment as a Judge Advocate brought the family back to the Pacific Northwest, where they lived on post at Fort Lewis. Based on their incredibly positive experience as new parishioners at Saint Patrick, Kevin and Lisa and their four children - Sarah, Joe, Hannah, and Dan decided to make Tacoma their permanent home.

After working two years with Connelly Law Offices, Kevin hung up his shingle and accepted Father Seamus' offer to serve St. Patrick as the Parish and School Administrator, a position he's held since April 2012. He looks forward to the opportunity to continue serving St. Pats in his new role as Pastoral Coordinator.



### Deacon Bill Eckert

Bill is a cradle Catholic raised at Star of the Sea parish in Bremerton with his 7 siblings. A graduate of Kennedy Catholic High School and the University of Notre Dame (he and Kevin Lovejoy were classmates - small world), Bill also earned a Masters Degree in Pastoral Studies from Seattle University. His 34 year professional career includes time teaching, coaching, and providing retreats and liturgies in Chicago, Bellevue, Honolulu and Tacoma. Bill has been teaching religion at Bellarmine Prep the past 28 years.

He was ordained as a deacon for the Archdiocese of Seattle in 2003 and was assigned to St. Stephen the Martyr parish in Renton. In 2010 he was assigned to St. Patrick.

#### Bill's Role as a Deacon:

*The bishop has two orders of clergy to help him in his work: priests who primarily serve the sacramental needs of their parish and **deacons** who serve the social needs of the area (jails, hospitals, shelters, etc.). As an ordained Deacon, Bill is permitted to preside over weddings, funerals and baptisms. He also serves at Mass by proclaiming the Gospel and being a minister of the cup. **Deacon Bill is not a member of the staff.** Everything he does at Saint Patrick (teaching RCIA classes, leading Bible Studies, visiting the sick at Multicare hospitals, preaching, and helping out around the parish) he does as a volunteer. We are truly blessed to have such a dedicated and capable Deacon.*

Bill married Barbara Williams Eckert in 1995. Barbara, a Wilson and Gonzaga University graduate, currently works for the Catholic Leadership Institute. She travels across the country, helping various archdiocese and parishes with team building, leadership skills, and long range planning. Bill and Barbara live in the Proctor District.



### Father John Fuchs, S.J

Fr. John Fuchs, S.J., was born in Tacoma, Washington, and grew up living three blocks from Saint Patrick Catholic Church. He attended St. Patrick Catholic School all eight years and was educated and disciplined by the Dominican Sisters. Sister Anthony, who is still a member of the parish community, drafted him into being an altar boy in the fifth grade. He attended Bellarmine Prep for four years, where he was brainwashed by the Jesuits and then entered the Jesuit Novitiate after graduation.

He was ordained in 1975. His first assignment was at St. Ignatius Church in Portland, Oregon. Then he was assigned as the assistant Novice Director of the Jesuit Novitiate. After that he received a counseling degree at Boston College and worked in the counseling department and Gonzaga University. Next he was appointed Novice Director of the Jesuit Novitiate for seven years. Following that he was appointed Pastor at St. Leo Church for nine years. He was the Spiritual Formation Director at the Palisades Retreat Center for six years and Superior of the Bellarmine Jesuit Community for nine years. Now he helps with the spiritual formation of the Bellarmine faculty and staff, offers spiritual direction for individuals, directs the Spiritual Exercises of t. Ignatius, and ministers to the sacramental needs of the Archdiocese, such as at Saint Patrick Catholic Church.



### Father Jerry Graham, S.J.

Jerry Graham, S.J. is a Jesuit priest and poet. At the age of 35 he converted to Catholicism and joined the Society of Jesus three years later in 1989. He earned an MFA in Creative Writing, Poetry at the University of Alaska, Anchorage.

His work has been in parishes and Ignatian spirituality. In his spare time, he has been working on a Christian epic poem: Ah Dante!

Another Inferno. Before moving to the Bellarmine Jesuit Community in Tacoma, he served as chaplain for Gonzaga in Florence study abroad program in Florence, Italy.



### Father Tom Lamanna, S.J.

He was born and raised in Spokane and graduated from both Gonzaga Prep and Gonzaga U. He entered the Jesuit novitiate in 1986 and professed first vows two years later. He was missioned to St. Michael's Institute at Gonzaga U for philosophy studies and Gonzaga Prep for his regency. He did his theology studies in Boston and was ordained in 1997. Then returned to Gonzaga Prep for his first assignment and was there through December of 2001. He made his tertianship in Alaska and after he was missioned to work at the Jesuit Novitiate in Portland Oregon. He was Socius to the Novice Director for two years and then was Novice Director 2004-2013, the last two years in Culver City California at the combined novitiate for the California and Oregon provinces of the Society of Jesus. The second semester of the 2013-14 school year he began teaching at Bellarmine Prep and became superior of the Jesuit community in the summer of 2014.

He served on numerous boards of directors; L'Arche Spokane, Bellarmine Prep, Gonzaga Prep, the Jesuit Spirituality Center (Portland), SEEL Portland. Besides his experience in secondary education and has been a spiritual director in both SEEL Spokane and SEEL Portland, as well as given Ignatian Spirituality training to the directors of SEEL Portland. He helped facilitate board retreats for the Secondary and Middle School Commission of the Oregon Province and St. Andrew's Nativity School. He has provided retreats and faculty and staff formation for St. Andrew's Nativity School, Seattle Prep, Jesuit High School, Bellarmine Prep, and St. John's High School.



## PARISH TRANSITION: Calendar of Events for Summer 2015

Date	Time	Event
August 15	5:30 p.m. Mass	Welcome Basket presented to Fr. John Fuchs
August 23	8:30 a.m. Mass	Welcome Basket presented to Fr. Jerry Graham
August 30	10:30 a.m. Mass	Welcome Basket presented to Fr. Tom Lamanna
September 13	Noon - 3:00 p.m.	Parish Picnic
September 20	All Masses	Catechetical Blessing School Annual Fund Kick - Off
September 27	All Masses	Stewardship of Talent
TBD		Pastoral Coordinator Commissioning
TBD		Parish Annual Report



## 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.

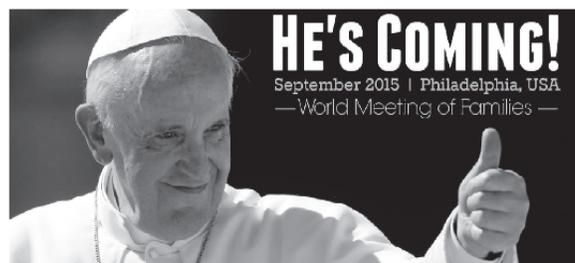
Keynote Speakers:

Father 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](http://www.seattlearchdiocese.org/wmf)

## Sacred Heart Radio - Catholic Radio for the Northwest

**Northwest Catholic on the Air** features a conversation with Mother Hildegard, the guest mistress for Our Lady of the Rock Monastery. She is a member of the Benedictine nuns on Shaw Island. You'll also hear from Fr. Jack Shrum of St. Anthony Parish in Renton, who is noted for his iconography. He'll discuss how he got started in this unique field, and you may be surprised!

You can hear this radio magazine on Sundays at 8:00 a.m., Mondays at 11:00 a.m., Thursdays at 6:30 p.m., & Saturdays at 3:00 p.m. on **AM 1050 Seattle and AM 1240 Olympia.**

### *Archbishop J. Peter Sartain*

will honor, recognize and bless Catholics who teach at local public and non – Catholic private schools, colleges and universities as

#### *Witnesses of the Faith*

Teachers, staff and their families are invited to attend Mass at

**12:00 p.m.**

**on September 6, 2015**

**at St. James Cathedral**

Casual reception to follow in the courtyard.

Office of Catholic Faith Formation  
206-382-4593 or [ocff@seattlearch.org](mailto:ocff@seattlearch.org)

## 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](http://www.seattlearchdiocese.org/foundations) or call Kim at the Parish Center for more information.

## St. Vincent dePaul

Your donations to the monthly St. Vincent de Paul collection make it possible for St. Patrick Vincen-tians to make home visits and help low (or no) residents within St. Patrick Parish boundaries, who struggle to pay for life's necessities, such as utilities, food, gasoline, beds and clothes.

Monetary collections take place the first weekend of each month.

*Please help, if you can!*



## 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. *Thank you!*



## 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 for Summer. Please join us again in the Fall.**

*We look forward to praying  
with you and Our Lady!*



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

### Youth Group and Confirmation Classes

Youth Group and Confirmation will be starting soon!  
September 13<sup>th</sup> will be our first gathering in the Parish Center.

**Please note the time change from last year.**

**Youth Group meets from 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class meets from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.**

Please contact Joe & Anna Skillman, Pastoral Assistants for Youth Ministry and Confirmation at:  
383-2783 ext 4107 or youth @saintpats.org

### Prayer Shawl Ministry

Join our Prayer Shawl Ministry meeting **this Tuesday, at 1:00 p.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: 383-2783.

### *Attention all Bridge Players...*

The Seniors invite you to join them the third Thursday of every month, from 12:15 to 3:00 p.m. at the Parish Center. For more information, please call the Parish Center at 383-2783.



### PrimeTimers

Join us at **The Spar** for dinner on **Tuesday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.**

*We welcome anyone 50+ and single!*

### 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.

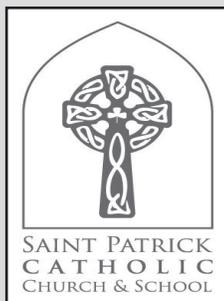
For more information, contact Mary at: 383-2783 ext. 4109 or mrandall@saintpats.org.

People strong in *Relator Strength*  
enjoy close relationships with others.

They find deep satisfaction in working hard with friends to achieve a goal.

# 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.

The mission of St. Patrick Catholic School  
is to nurture in its students an abiding Catholic faith  
while pursuing academic excellence and modeling honesty, respect, and service  
as dynamic members of our world community.

We'll be back in the office soon!

**August 17 - August 31 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**



Interested in learning more about St. Patrick Catholic School?  
We'd love to meet with you, give you a school tour and answer any questions you may have.  
Even if you've been to St. Patrick before, an official visit can be an important part  
of the admission process for prospective parents and students.

Parents and students are both welcome to join us.

We hope to see you soon and look forward to meeting you to learn about your interests,  
and discuss how St. Patrick can contribute to your child's success.

Call to schedule your tour now at 272-2297



Do you have questions about scrip?

Just want to pick up some scrip while you're at the school?

The Parent Volunteer Center (on the bottom floor, near the interior gym doors)  
will be open and the scrip coordinator will be available to help you sign up for standing orders,  
get registered to buy online, answer scrip questions,  
and sell available scrip during the Meet and Greet on August 31<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to noon.  
If you can't make it or have questions, please email [scrip@saintpats.org](mailto:scrip@saintpats.org).

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**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:** Lorraine Karabaich**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](mailto:parish@saintpats.org), fax: 253-627-5396 or visit our website at [www.saintpats.org](http://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**