

Welcome to **SAINT PATRICK CHURCH**

September 10, 2017

MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:30 p.m.

Sunday Masses: 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

Weekday Mass: 7:45 a.m.

Wednesday, Communion Service: 7:45 a.m.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

PARISH CENTER & OFFICES

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For additional information, updates and useful links,
please visit our website at: www.saintpats.org

Parish Calendar

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

The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Baptisms at Masses

Children's Liturgy - During Masses

Welcome Table in the Gathering Space

St. Vincent de Paul Collection

Sunday Social Hour - Hosted by:

SVDP and Prayer Shawl Ministry

Sacramental Preparation Covenant of Faith /

Reconciliation Class #1 - Noon - Church

Youth Group Parent Info Mtg. - Noon - Center

Confirmation Class - 6:00 p.m. - Center

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

Eucharistic Adoration - 3:00 - 6:45p.m. - Chapel

Evening Prayer - 6:45 p.m. - Chapel

Adult Bible Study - 7:00 p.m. - Center

Foreign Mission Outreach - 7:00 p.m. - Center

Tuesday, September 12: Mass at 7:45 a.m.

Mom's Group - 10:00 a.m. - Nursery

Stephen Ministry Informational Meeting -

10:00 a.m. - Center

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6:00 p.m. - Center

Stephen Ministry Peer Supervision -

6:30 p.m. - Center

RCIA Sponsor Meeting - 7:00 p.m. - Atrium

Wednesday, September 13:

Communion Service at 7:45 a.m.

Thursday, September 14:

Mass with the school children at 8:45 a.m.

Inclusion Ministry - 3:00 p.m. - Center

KC Rosary Potluck - 6:30 p.m. - Hall

Youth Group Parent Info Mtg. - 7:00 p.m.- Center

Friday, September 15: Mass at 7:45 a.m.

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

Saturday, September 16: Vigil Mass at 5:30 p.m.

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Volunteer Commissioning and Ministry Fair

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

Sunday, September 17: Mass at 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Volunteer Commissioning and Ministry Fair

Children's Liturgy - During Masses

Sunday Social Hour - Hosted by:

Foreign Mission Outreach

Parish Programs & Staff

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St. Patrick Catholic Church

Weekly Contributions

Stewardship of Treasure

Weekly Amount Needed	Last weeks Collection Total	Needed Year to Date	Actual Year to Date
\$19,346	\$18,935	\$193,460	\$186,862
Year To Date - (\$6,598)			

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

Dear Friends,

In the first letter of St. Peter Jesus reminds us, "As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace". Throughout Holy Scripture there are constant reminders that we are called to be stewards of all of God's gifts: our time, talents, financial resources; our communities; the earth we live on with its natural resources; and our relationships with family and others. We must truly acknowledge that everything belongs to God, and we are stewards; caretakers who are expected to use the gifts in service to one another for the greater glory of God.

Next weekend, September 16 - 17, Saint Patrick Catholic Church begins an ongoing combined stewardship campaign. In previous years, we have asked for your commitment of Time, Talent and Treasure at distinct times of the year. After much prayer and discernment our staff determined that a combined Time, Talent and Treasure campaign, a Total Stewardship Commitment, would be more impactful for our parish because after all, we are all stewards of all of God's gifts, all the time, everyday and every season of the year. Seeing stewardship from this lens of a Total Stewardship Commitment will change each of our lives and also change the life of our parish, as we become mindful caretakers of the beautiful gifts God gives us each day.

So here is where you come in. We kick off our Total Stewardship Commitment with a blessing of parish leaders and volunteers, (in case you were wondering that is you,) at all Masses during the weekend of September 16 -17, followed by a Ministry Fair in the Church Hall. Ministries will be grouped by aspects of parish life: Community, Development, Faith Formation, Liturgy, Outreach and Pastoral Care. A representative from each ministry will be available to share information and answer your questions to help you discern where God is calling you to use their God-given talents. Pledge cards will be available for those who are ready to make their pledge. Our goal is for 100% of our parish community to make a Total Stewardship Commitment of their Time, Talent and Treasure.

Prayerfully discern your Total Stewardship Commitment. Have a discussion with family members about individual commitments and commitments to make together. The fruit of our Total Stewardship Commitment will be an entire parish living the stewardship way of life; living fully into our mission. As we live in this way, we find we grow spiritually, our faith deepens, and our lives and the lives of others are transformed for the better.

See you on September 16 - 17 in the Church Hall for the Ministry Fair. Grab coffee and a doughnut and learn about a ministry you are not familiar with, yet feel called to. If you have any questions send us an email.

Saint Patrick - Pray For Us!

Kevin Lovejoy

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Pastoral Coordinator



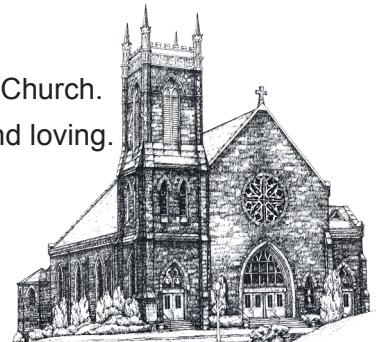
Welcome Visitors

*Let the Church always be a place of mercy and hope,
where everyone is welcomed... Pope Francis*

Whether you came from across the country or a neighboring parish, with joyful hearts we welcome you and thank you for visiting St. Patrick Catholic Church.

Our parish is a community of believers and a spiritual family that is supportive and loving. It can be a place to grow spiritually, put your faith in action and to use your gifts of time and talent as disciples of Christ.

For more information about our parish, to register or to ask a question, please visit our website at: www.saintpats.org or call us at: 253-383-2783 You can also ask an usher or greeter - They are happy to help!



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

John & Vivian Bosse
Bea Carmichael
Jed Feliciano

David Firestone
Cindy Fish
Kelly Gardner

Margaret Johansson
Beth Mill
Jennifer O'Laughlin
Jim Petrich

Joe Savage
Gina Slavich
Mike Stowers

Baby Lawson Timper
John Tulare
Trevor Yates

Please pray for the repose of the souls of

Jack Conlon, Charlotte Denemy and Juan Perez

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

Join us for Daily Mass -
What a great way to start the 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 children

First Friday of the month -
Mass is at 11:00 a.m. with the Seniors.
September - May

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word
starts back up **this weekend!**

However, we are short on leaders -
particularly at the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

If this ministry is to continue, **we need your help.**

Your role with our children is to facilitate a
discussion - you will not be teaching.

You don't need to be a theologian. We will train you!

Please consider volunteering to help break open
the Word for our children one Mass a month.

Call Laura at: 253-383-2783 ext. 4109,
if you're interested.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 9 - RIP Joe Alvela

Sunday, September 10 - RIP Stan Naccarato

Monday, September 11 - RIP Carol Pfeiffer

Tuesday, September 12 - RIP Stan Naccarato

Wednesday, September 13 - *Communion Service*

Thursday, September 14 - RIP Carol Pfeiffer

Friday, September 15 - RIP Frank Doherty

Saturday, September 16 - RIP Fran King

Sunday, September 17 - RIP Darinka Stojic

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and may perpetual light shine upon them.*



CATHOLIC
CAMPAIGN FOR
HUMAN
DEVELOPMENT

Next week, our second collection will be for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Over 46 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs to empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to lift themselves out of poverty. By supporting this collection you give people a hand up, not a hand out. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

Stephen Ministry Seeks New Trainees!

Are YOU interested in caring for someone who is experiencing a difficult time in life?
You have seen information about Stephen Ministry online and in the Bulletin.

Perhaps you have wondered what is involved and how you might become a Stephen Minister...

You don't need to be a counselor or a theologian to be a Stephen Minister...
just a caring, compassionate listener.

Bring your questions to the Parish Center on **September 12th at 10:00 a.m. or 6:00 p.m.**

Questions? Contact Stephen Ministry at: 274-4110 or stephenministry@saintpats.org



STEPHEN
MINISTRY

SAINT PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH
Catholic Moms Group
supporting each other in faith and motherhood
every Tuesday | 10 - 12 PM | nursery

The Moms Group at Saint Patrick Church is where Catholic mothers can come together and support each other in the aspects of life we have in common - our faith and motherhood.

Moms (and caregivers) of all ages and stages of life are welcome.

All are welcome - Catholic or Catholic curious? Practicing or not practicing - join us.

Our play group will gather on Tuesdays, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. at the Nursery in the basement of the Church.

Questions? Please call 253-383-2783.

Bring your kids, and a cup of coffee or tea!

Accessibility Questions or Comments?

Contact Laura at:

253-383-2783 ext. 4109

or ldougherty@saintpats.org

ADULT BIBLE STUDY
Mondays | 7:00 – 8:30 PM | Parish Center

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Adult Bible Study is a way to connect with other believers in fellowship; to grow in our understanding of the Bible, as Jesus' own small group of disciples did; to meet the needs of others in the small group, to become equipped for evangelism; and to worship God.

Bring your own Bible or we will provide one for you.

Men's Prayer Group

*Join us on 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. Vincent de Paul

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

Our next collection will take place this weekend, September 9th & 10th

Any help you can give is appreciated!

Disability Inclusion Ministry

Widening our welcome.

Advocating for people with disabilities.

**Join us at our next meeting,
Thursday, September 14th
at 3:00 p.m. in the Parish Center.**

Questions? Contact Laura Dougherty at:
253-274-4109 or ldougherty@saintpats.org



2 ND THURSDAY OF THE MONTH
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
TACOMA COUNCIL 809
ROSARY POTLUCK
6:30 PM | Church Hall | info@kofc809.org

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

September 10, 2017

YOUTH MINISTRY INFO MEETING
SEPTEMBER 10 | 12PM | PARISH CENTER
SEPTEMBER 14 | 7 PM | PARISH CENTER
AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PARENTS AND YOUTH TO ASK QUESTIONS.
MEET OUR YOUTH MINISTER.
TELL US WHAT YOU ARE SEEKING IN YOUTH MINISTRY.

1001 NORTH J STREET | TACOMA, WA 98403
QUESTIONS? YOUTH@SAINTPATS.ORG

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

“The youngest children lead us to the deepest mysteries of our faith.”

Religious Education
CCS Pastoral Formation Leader



Religious Education

Registration for Religious Education is now taking place.

This program was designed for our Public School, Home School, and Private School children and their families. However, we welcome anyone who would like to be a part of this wonderful, informative program.

We begin on October 8th.

To register go to the Religious Education tab under Children's Faith formation on the Parish website. (hard copy registration available upon request) Contact Kim if you have questions, kward@saintpats.org 253-383-2783 ext. 4108

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Registration is now open: If you would like your child to participate in the atrium this year, please register on line at: www.saintpats.org For questions or more information, please contact Kathy, Amy, or Kim at: atrium@saintpats.org or 383-2783 ext. 4112

Then Jesus called for the children and said to the disciples,

“Let the children come to me. Don’t stop them! For the Kingdom of God belongs to those who are like these children.”

Luke 18:16

YOUTH CONFIRMATION

Registration for
SACRAMENTAL PREP
is now open!



BECOME SEALED WITH THE
GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Register at saintpats.org



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QUESTIONS?

Contact Anna & Joe Skillman
Youth Confirmation Leaders

253-383-2783 | confirmation@saintpats.org

Youth Confirmation

Confirmation registration is open through the 1st class meeting on Sept 10th. All 9th - 12th graders are welcome to register.

All classes meet on Sunday, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

Sept 10 Sept 24

Oct 8 Oct 22

Nov 5 Nov 19

Dec 3 -

Confirmation Retreat - Including Mass

8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Jan 7 Jan 21

Feb 11 Feb 25

March 11 March 25

April 15 April 29

Contact Joe or Anna for questions at:
confirmation@saintpats.org

Register online at:
saintpats.org - Sacraments - Confirmation



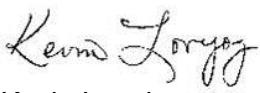
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PARISH ANNUAL REPORT

In recent years, our Parish Annual Report has been a one-page recap of the past year's sacramental, financial and social history. This year we thought we'd take a more comprehensive Past-Present-Future approach that (1) looks at our 10-year historical trends; (2) assesses our current situation in light of Archbishop Sartain's vision for the Archdiocese, and (3) provides a vision for the future direction of our parish.

1. The information contained in the **10-year parish profile** pretty much speaks for itself. Though statistics can be misleading, the trends they reveal are clear. Parish income has remained fairly steady, but our parish population is shrinking, Mass attendance and the celebration of the Sacraments is down. In terms of numbers, we are not going in the right direction as a parish community. On the plus side, we can expect 3,500 new residents moving to North Tacoma by 2020. We must prepare to reach out and welcome them to our faith community.
2. In **Archbishop Sartain's recent remarks at Priest Days** (annual gathering of all Diocesan priests each June) he acknowledges these trends throughout most of the diocese - and then lays out his reasons to hope for a brighter future, and the steps we need to take to move towards that brighter future. In this document, I highlighted what I felt were the major points of Archbishop Sartain's vision - followed by my sense of where our parish stands in relation to those issues. Like Archbishop Sartain, I too have great hope for our future.
3. **Our Mission - Values - Priorities for the parish**, effective March 2017. This is our roadmap to the future. It provides the guidelines within which we decide how to tackle the challenging opportunities that lay ahead for Saint Patrick: (collaboration with neighboring parishes, partnership with St Rita; lay leadership; capital campaign for our school and the Diocesan Priest Pension; new Youth Minister; Evangelization, Discipleship and Radical Welcoming). It's our firm belief that **highlighting Jesus as the centerpiece** of our faith and helping current and existing parishioners form a deeper personal relationship with Jesus Christ will strengthen, enliven and eventually grow our faith community. I was thrilled to discover that the Mission-Values-Priorities we have uncovered for Saint Patrick Parish were so well aligned with the vision Archbishop Sartain has for the diocese.

As always, I am so grateful for all of you and all you do for our parish and the surrounding community. I pray you share this same sense of gratitude for Christ's presence in your life.
Saint Patrick - Pray For Us!


Kevin Lovejoy

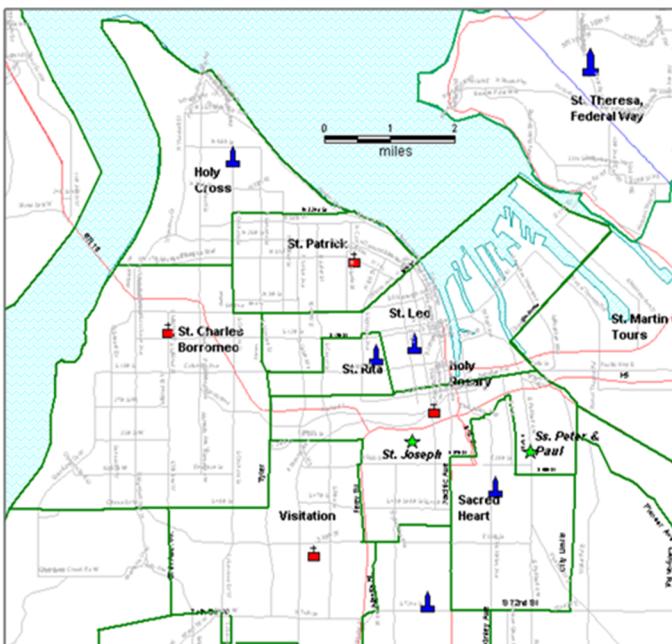
Archbishop Sartain Remarks at Priest Days Where Saint Patrick Parish stands in relation to his vision for the Archdiocese

1. ***We are a dynamic diocese. Facing challenges, but not overwhelmed because of incredible vitality of our local church***
 - a. Parishioners have embraced new leadership model.*** Fundamentals continue; robust Pastoral Council (24 candidates last 2 years); new Council Commission structure; 14 Stephen Ministers; new Mission - Values - Priorities for parish
2. ***Priest shortage will not be resolved in the near future***
 - b. Saint Patrick prepared to continue under current model of lay pastoral coordinator and parish priest(s)
3. ***Overall Decline in Sacraments***
 - a. Re-evaluating our approach to sacramental preparation for all Sacraments
 - b. New RCIA team forming - parish priest is key member of team of lay leaders
 - c. Open to revising age and "process" for Confirmation - (e.g. 7th grade / 2 years)
 - d. Address decline in Mass attendance by reaching out to those not here - discussing "Alpha" program with other Quadrant parishes
4. ***Loss of Youth***
 - a. Education and Young People are 2 of 3 parish Priorities. Pastoral and Finance Councils approved use of recent Bequest funds to hire full-time youth minister
 - b. Collaborating with other Quadrant parish youth programs
 - c. Staff open to "Youth Mass" for parish / Quadrant - not sure what will look like
5. ***Vision of Evangelizing to form Missionary disciples - Encounter with Christ - lifelong growth in relationship with Jesus***
 - a. See our new Mission - Values - Priorities, right on point
6. ***Eliminate chancery and parish silos - collaborate among all aspects of parish life***
 - a. Our new All-Council/Commission structure meets one night a month
Pastoral Council, Finance/Facility, Faith Formation, Development, and Liturgy Commissions meet same night and share info with each other
50 people now know what only the pastor used to know about the parish.
7. ***Promote service to the poor - Charity and Corporal Works of Mercy***
 - a. Area of improvement for Saint Patrick Parish
 - b. Forming Pastoral Care groups to promote this aspect of Discipleship
 - c. Use existing organization (CCS, AM) rather than re-invent parish program
8. ***Pastoral Planning - Redistribution of resources; lower burden on priests; eliminate culture of convenience; Mass time changes; greater use of lay leaders; goal remains 1 parish - 1 pastor; use both until things change; reconfiguring parishes will happen - avoid Protestant Congregationalist mentality" - we are a Universal Church***
 - a. Collaborating with Pierce Deanery / 5 Quadrant parishes / merging with St. Rita
7. ***Joy of the Gospel / Being a Disciple of Jesus; personal commitment to prayer***
 - a. See Mission, Values, Priorities - right on point

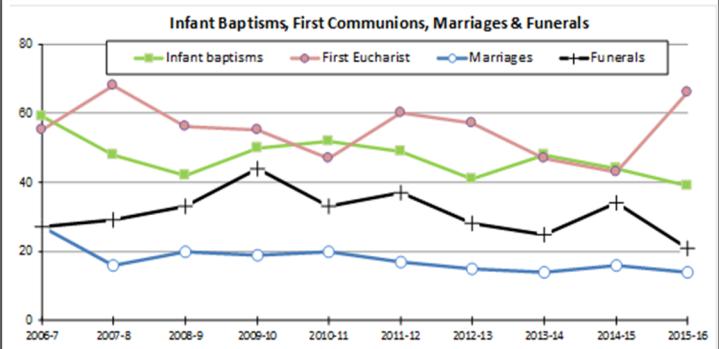
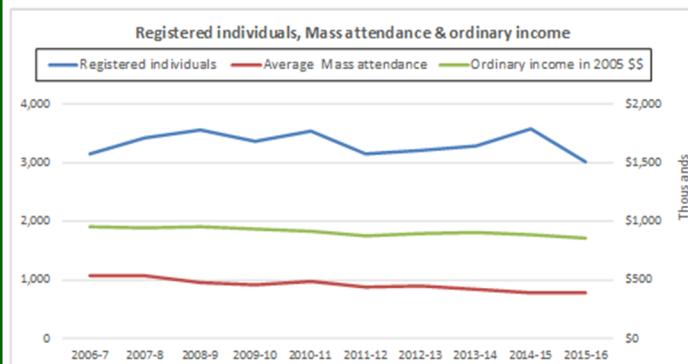
***The parish is not an outdated institution; precisely because it possesses great flexibility, it can assume quite different contours depending on the openness and missionary creativity of the pastor and the community.... if the parish proves capable of self-renewal and constant adaptivity, it continues to be "the Church living in the midst of the homes of her sons and daughters".

St. Patrick, Tacoma (ID 147)

Pierce Deanery



	Total	Estimated Catholics	Catholic kids 5-14
Total population	23,256	2,804	289
White	18,008	1,801	166
African American	1,002	50	3
American Indian	334	33	0
Hispanic	1,667	750	103
Pacific Islander	231	7	0
Filipino	135	61	4
Korean	109	11	1
SE Asian	303	30	2
Other Asian	320	10	1
Other or mixed	1,695	51	9
Population growth within parish boundaries	Actual population growth 2000-2010 (County) -2.2% Projected population growth to 2020 16.4%		
Household income within parish boundaries	Median HH income in parish (half above, half below) \$71,906 Median HH income in Deanery \$62,379 Median HH income in Archdiocese \$64,088 Average household income in parish \$92,160		
Other	Church capacity (Calculated/updated in 2015) 625		



Parish Sacramental Data:	2006-7	2007-8	2008-9	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	% change from previous year	% change over 5 years	From last year 5 years ago
Registered households	1,304	1,362	1,377	1,314	1,368	1,237	1,234	1,249	1,343	1,097	-18.3%	-11.3%	- -
Registered individuals	3,144	3,418	3,557	3,359	3,537	3,158	3,216	3,279	3,569	3,012	0.0%	0.0%	= =
Total weekend Masses	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	0.0%	0.0%	- -
Average Mass attendance	1,074	1,081	951	926	982	884	905	833	788	788	0.0%	-10.8%	= -
Percent church capacity used	42.9%	57.6%	50.7%	49.4%	52.4%	47.1%	48.3%	44.4%	42.0%	42.0%	-	-	- -
Infant baptisms	59	48	42	50	52	49	41	48	44	39	-11.4%	-20.4%	- -
First Eucharist	55	68	56	55	47	60	57	47	43	66	53.5%	10.0%	+ +
Youth confirmed by Bishop	0	74	0	49	24	28	16	24	25	25	0.0%	-10.7%	= -
Adult converts	16	25	29	20	23	30	22	16	27	21	-22.2%	-30.0%	- -
Marriages	27	16	20	19	20	17	15	14	16	14	-12.5%	-17.6%	- -
Funerals	27	29	33	44	33	37	28	25	34	21	-38.2%	-43.2%	- -
Parish Ordinary Income	\$958,329	\$984,193	\$981,804	\$983,818	\$989,734	\$970,475	\$1,008,110	\$1,028,999	\$1,012,931	\$1,001,175	-1.2%	3.2%	- -
Ordinary income in 2005 \$	\$958,329	\$947,798	\$948,874	\$935,483	\$912,307	\$876,416	\$897,258	\$901,239	\$886,112	\$859,829	-3.0%	-1.9%	- -
Estimated annual contribution/attending HH	\$1,785	\$1,822	\$2,065	\$2,125	\$2,016	\$2,197	\$2,228	\$2,471	\$2,570	\$2,540	-1.2%	15.6%	- +
Estimated percentage of median income given to parish											3.5%		

Number in purple: May 2016 Mass count not reported; Mass attendance is for 2015

Parish Mission Statement

Saint Patrick Parish invites all to a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through Eucharist, Prayer, and Education, to become Disciples for a World Church.



Parish Values

EXTENDING HOSPITALITY & WELCOME

Like Christ, we share with all, an open-minded, non-judgmental spirit of welcome.

GROWING IN FAITH

Jesus, the Father's great love shared with us, calls us to a deeper personal relationship with Him and to authentic relationships with one another.

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS & EVANGELIZING

As disciples of Christ, moved by the Holy Spirit, we venture out in faith to share the Good News.



Parish Priorities

- Education
- Keeping Our Communities Vibrant
- Reaching Out to Young People



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.



Dear Families,

In our first few days, I have overheard conversations between teachers and students about what each hopes for this year. The theme of kindness has recurred the most. From the lunchroom to the playground, Pre-K to Middle School, the concept of how we treat and look out for one another has echoed from room to room. Colorful displays encourage small acts of kindness. Our ASB leaders have asked us to “be the spark” of light and joy for others. Faculty members have started speaking about the “norms” of our collegial behavior--things like respecting each other’s opinions, listening attentively, and asking questions rather than assuming intent. We are acting as “prayer buddies” by praying everyday for each other or by secretly offering small gifts or thoughtful notes.

I want to share a simple act of kindness that “sparked” the beginning of the year for me. I was in the third floor hallway, having just left a classroom. For no particular reason, I opened a locker. It looked clean, and I went to the next few, same thing. With no intention of opening all of them, I walked down the hall and opened “just one more,” which looked just as clean as the ones before it. My eye caught a rolled up small piece of paper on the top shelf that I grabbed to throw away. Something in it felt like a quarter, so I unfolded it. The student who had used the locker last year had written a short message encouraging this year’s student and had gifted that student a small medal. I put both back in the same spot, trying to honor the gift and thinking how special the next person would feel when opening their locker to begin the year.

I know we will have moments of extraordinary kindness shown this year: acts of random kindness that will inspire us. There will be times when we will need to reteach, to remind our students and each other about what we expect. There will be occasions when I will need to ask for forgiveness for my lack of patience or thoughtlessness. Finding that note reminds me, actually moves me, to be a more intentionally kind person. A girl wrote a note in early June hoping that someone she doesn’t know will feel better about the start of school three months later. That’s intentional. That’s being a spark. That’s living by the gift of the Holy Spirit.

I hope we all will be a gift of kindness to each other.

Peace,

Chris



REACH Auction planning is underway and we need YOU! Please join us for our monthly REACH Board meetings the first Wednesday of every month, at 7:00 pm in the school library. We’re looking for volunteers to join us. There are opportunities to support at every level. We’ll see you soon to get started on REACH 2018!

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT
SEPTEMBER 19
6:25-8 PM

Substitutes Needed

St. Patrick School is looking for caring individuals to join our substitute teacher pool.

If you are interested in helping us in our mission of nurturing an abiding Catholic faith, while pursuing academic excellence,

contact Barbara Bolanos at:
bbolanos@saintpats.org or 272-2297 ext. 4133.



Gluten Free Hosts Available

If you require a gluten free host please tell an usher before Mass and then let the Priest or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion know when you come to the altar to receive.



Thank you -

St. Patrick parishioners for your generous and continued support of our ongoing food drive, benefitting St. Leo's Food Connection. Please place all donations in the basket in the Church vestibule.



Saint Patrick Catholic Church
gratefully thanks our parish community
for their commitment to being
good stewards by pledging to the
2017 Annual Catholic Appeal.

Please know that every gift will make a
difference in lives of others.

If you haven't made your pledge yet,
please take the time to do so.

**2017 Annual Catholic Appeal Goal for
St. Patrick Catholic Church -**
\$116,536

Total pledged as of August 27, 2017 -
\$109,351



CLEANER/CUSTODIAN POSITION ST. LEO PARISH | TACOMA, WA

St. Leo Parish has an opening for a housekeeper/cleaner to clean, clean and clean the church, the rectory, and Bichsel Hall (as required). Major duties and responsibilities are to assure the church and other parish buildings are maintained in a clean and orderly manner. Other duties may include but not limited to cleaning, stocking and supplying designated facility areas; making sure buildings are secure; cleaning windows; setup tables and chairs for special events; and, minor building maintenance and repair. The position requires performing and documenting routine inspection and maintenance activities. This is a full-time (32-hours per week) hourly wage position.

Contact Jeff Bemis at jbemis@stleoparish.org for more information.

Prayer Request

Do you need prayers for yourself
or someone you love?

*It is as simple as asking.
Send us your request
and we'll add it to our prayers.*

Contact us at: parish@saintpats.org or 383-2783

Listen to Homilies on demand

St. Patrick has entered the digital age,
with homilies on demand.

You can subscribe to St. Patrick Catholic Church on YouTube for easy access to the Homily.

*Listen to any homily again;
you may hear something
you missed the first time.*

Get the FLU SHOT not the flu!

**Flu shots will be available
September 24th and October 15th
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in the Parish Library**

Health insurance will be billed
for those with coverage.

Flu shots will be provided free of charge
to those without coverage.

Regular, preservative free and high dose vaccines
are available.

Organized by the Health Ministry
at St. Patrick Catholic Church

Questions? 253-383-2783 or health@saintpats.org

Walgreens at the corner of **happy & healthy**

September 10, 2017

SCRIP for Rockport

Hurricane Harvey made landfall in Rockport, Texas - a town of about 10,000 people - destroying homes and washing away landmarks.

Sacred Heart Church, a part of the Archdiocese of Corpus Christi, is the only Catholic Church in the county. The Church School, where students started the year on August 7th has no specific return date, as the town is not slated to have power restored for more than a month.

During Sunday Social Hour, on September 10th the St. Patrick SCRIP program will offer HEB, the local grocery chain in Rockport, along with Shell and Exxon gas cards for purchase and donation. Our SCRIP Coordinator, Meaghan Bihun, who has extended family in Rockport will be travelling there to help.

She has graciously offered to take all SCRIP donations to Fr. Ray Yrlas at Sacred Heart Church and School on behalf of the St. Patrick Church and School Community.

You may also make purchases by emailing: SCRIP@saintpats.org.

SCRIP

funny word... easy fundraising



Pregnancy Aid of Tacoma
902 Market Street
Tacoma, Washington 98402
Monday | Wednesday | Friday
10:00 AM - 1:30 PM
253.383.4100

Pregnancy Aid

Pregnancy Aid offers to all families past the pregnancy stage - clothing... available for mothers and children up to the age of 5, with many other items available.

This is for all lower income and struggling families regardless of any unmet qualifications for government assistance.

If you are donating at this time, we are in need of the following items:

Gently used: umbrella strollers, playpens, undergarments for moms and children, toys.

Unused: hygiene/toiletry products, baby-wipes, size 3, 4 and 5 diapers and pull-ups, baby-vegetables, oatmeal or mixed infant cereals.

Drop off in the Church Gathering Space or
Pregnancy Aid from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., M, W, & F at: 902 Market St.

GIVE THE GIFT OF MASS

Several of our seniors are unable to drive and therefore can't attend Mass.

Would you be willing to provide a ride to Mass for one of our fellow parishioners?

Let us know!

parish@saintpats.org | 253-383-2783



All Saints Catholic School Fair Parking

Help support Catholic education in East Pierce County by parking at one of the All Saints Catholic School's fair parking lots. We are just a short distance from the main gate of the fairgrounds.

All proceeds from our fair parking fundraiser goes directly to our school's operating budget.

Thank you in advance for supporting our school while you
Do the Puyallup!!

Questions? Call Diana or Mona at 253-845-5025.



September 10, 2017

Stephen Ministry

Going through a tough time - emotionally or spiritually?

Struggling with a crisis in life? Or simply feeling down? Consider letting a Stephen Minister help.
A Stephen Minister is a member of our parish who is trained to listen, care, encourage,
pray and walk along side you during difficult times.

It's confidential, free and helpful.

Contact Stephen Ministry at: 253 - 274 - 4110 or stephenministry@saintpats.org

You'll receive a response within 48 hours. If this is an emergency, please call 911.



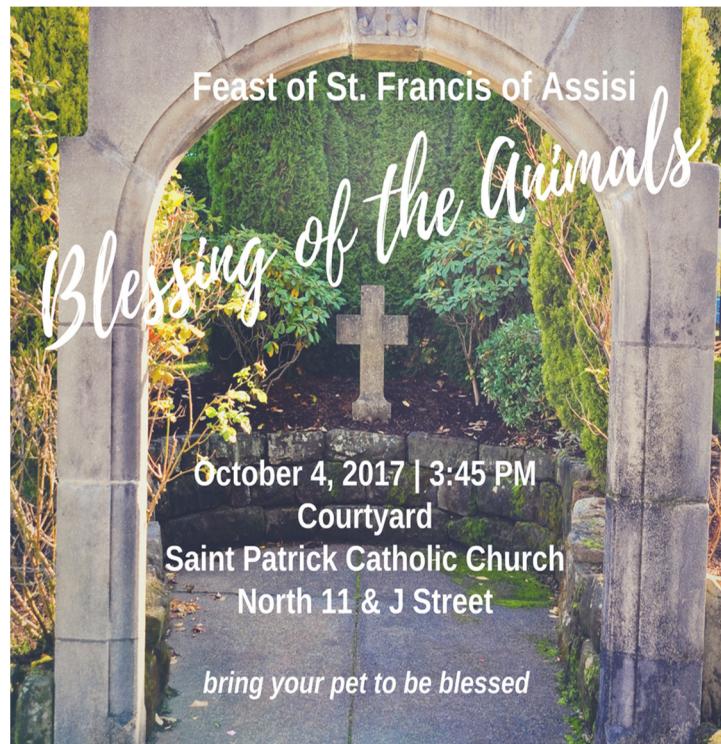
STEPHEN
MINISTRY

**Do you feel called to be an RCIA Sponsor?
Join us to learn more!**

RCIA Sponsor Meeting

September 12, 2017 | 7-8 PM
Saint Patrick Catholic Church
Parish Center
1001 North J Street | Tacoma, WA

QUESTIONS? 253-383-2783 X4108 | KWARD@SAINTPATS.ORG



Cultivating a Life of Discernment:
An Ignatian way to make prayerful decisions

6 Wednesdays, October 11 - November 15, 2017

6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

St. Patrick Parish Center

Marilyn Nash, presenter

In this six-week Ignatian Discernment series,
you will learn a process to listen to God in your life decisions,
consider St. Ignatius' guidelines for discernment,
and apply the principles of Ignatian discernment to your particular circumstances.

Join presenter **Marilyn Nash** (Campus Minister, Seattle University)
and others to learn how to cultivate a life that facilitates discernment!

REGISTER BY OCTOBER 4th at: <https://www.ignatiancenter.org/cultivating-a-life-of-discernment>

COST: \$140.00 series Early Bird rate (thru Oct. 4)

\$160/series Final Week Rate (Oct 5-11)

\$100/series Young Adult Rate.

Partial work scholarships available!

QUESTIONS: call (206) 329-4824 or email andrea@ignatiancenter.org
Sponsored by the Ignatian Spirituality Center and St. Patrick Parish, Tacoma

A word of thanks....

We all know and recognize the feelings we experience when marching bands perform and military songs honoring our flag and the men and women who serve and honor that flag all the days of their lives.... most recently, the 4th of July and Labor Day come to mind.

The Church of St. Patrick, including their fabulous staff, gives me those very same feelings. I have been in attendance since early 1968 as a young woman, relocated with her Air Force Husband on his way to Vietnam. My children learned to love the Lord, received their sacraments, attended school, were married here and still come "home" to St. Patrick's to visit.

My loving families, both biological and parish - based, I cannot thank-you enough for your unbelievable and amazing love and support during the last three years of my life's journey. They arrived in the forms of "prayer", (most importantly), flowers, greeting cards, meals, and anonymous notes and gifts left on my front porch or back door, and the wonderful surprise visits. The staff never failed to open the Church, my "home away from home" for me to stay as long as my heart needed.

My note would be incomplete without the mention of my beautiful and amazing children, (my 3 "J's), Jeff and fiancé, Rene'e, Jenny and husband Eric Green, and grandchildren, Cole and Peyton, and Jana and husband Chuck Arnold, and grandchildren, Charlie and Jordan. They never left my side. I love you all as much as you love me - Smiling faces in the morning and all the days of your lives.

You "ALL" will be in my thoughts and prayers, and most especially, my giggling heart forever and always.

Love and hugs,

Suzanne Patricia Gardner

GOD SO LOVED HE GAVE

The Co-MISSION-ing & Annual Ministry Fair

Parish STEWARDSHIP

FROM A HEART OF GRATITUDE WE GIVE OUR
TIME TALENT TREASURE

What shall I return to the Lord for all His bounty to me? – Psalm 116:12

DATE: September 16 - 17, 2017

TIME: All Masses | 5:30 PM, 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

HOW: Commissioning at Mass | Ministry Fair after Mass

PLACE: Church Hall

QUESTIONS? skuharic@saintpats.org

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