

Welcome to  
**SAINT PATRICK CHURCH**

September 3, 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.

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Parish Calendar

**Sunday, September 3: Mass at 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.**

*The Twenty-Second Sunday  
in Ordinary Time*

No Children's Liturgy - Resumes next weekend  
No Sunday Social Hour

**Monday, September 4: Mass at 7:45 a.m.**

*Parish Center Closed for Labor Day*

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

**Tuesday, September 5: Mass at 7:45 a.m.**

No Mom's Group  
Prayer Shawl Ministry - 10:00 a.m. - Center  
PrimeTimers - 5:30 p.m. - Center  
Sacramental Prep Parent Mtg. - 6:30 p.m. - Center

**Wednesday, September 6:**

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

**Thursday, September 7:**

**Mass with the school children at 8:45 a.m.**  
Inclusion Ministry - 3:00 p.m. - Center

**Friday, September 8: Mass at 7:45 a.m.**

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

**Saturday, September 9: Vigil Mass at 5:30 p.m.**

*The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Baptisms at Mass*

Reconciliation - 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. - Church  
Welcome Table in the Gathering Space  
St. Vincent de Paul Collection

**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:  
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

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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
<b>\$19,346</b>	<b>\$16,824</b>	<b>\$174,114</b>	<b>\$167,927</b>
<b>Year To Date - (\$6,187)</b>			

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

September 3, 2017

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Saint Patrick Parish -

Its with a heavy heart that I share with you the recent death of Luke Garrison, the fiancé of Allison Verhofstadt, our new Youth Minister. We hired Allison in July, and she and Luke were to be married this weekend. Below is a Facebook message from Allison with her incredibly uplifting account of all that's happened and how God continues to grace her life. Our thoughts and prayers and love are with you Allison, Luke, Lucy and family and friends.

*Some of you may know that my dear fiancé Luke Garrison died on Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>. As traumatic and heartbreaking as this has been for myself and both of our families, I want to thank you all for your tremendous outpouring of love. Luke loved all of you so much. I wanted to share these pictures we got back from our wedding photographer after a mini session. We got these back the day before he died and he loved them. This is how we should all remember him, so full of life and laughter and love for his family. Luke was so excited to be married and to see his family as they flew in and to start our life together. I have to trust God that we will have our perfect life in Heaven one day. For now I look at these photos and smile and pray he knows how much I love and miss him. He was the best father and would have been the best husband I could have ever asked for. Please keep myself, and both of our families in your prayers as we grieve and mourn the loss of our beautiful Luke.*

Two Youth Information Sessions are scheduled for Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m., and Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Parish Center. We don't yet know Allison's plans for returning to work, but we do know it is her desire to first *listen to what parents and youth say they want in a Youth Program prior to settling on a schedule of meetings and activities. Our plans are to drive on with the scheduled information sessions. So if you're a youth, a parent, or someone interested in helping our new Youth Group get off the ground (e.g. assistant as a small group leader, bake cookies or snacks, etc) come join us. We're anxious to hear your thoughts on how we can best serve the hearts, minds, bodies and souls of the youth in our community.*

We will keep you updated as we hear more from Allison. Until then, please keep her and Luke and their families in your prayers.

*Kevin Lovejoy*

Kevin Lovejoy



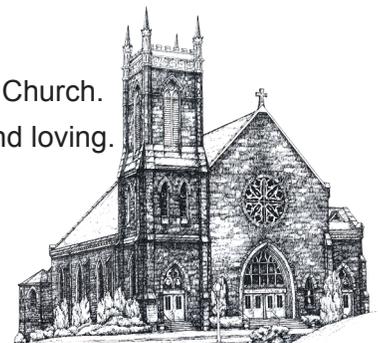
## Welcome Visitors

*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](http://www.saintpats.org) or call us at: 253-383-2783  
You can also ask an usher or greeter - They are happy to help!



September 3, 2017

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

John & Vivian Bosse  
Marlena Breite  
Bea Carmichael

Jed Feliciano  
David Firestine  
Cindy Fish

Kelly Gardner  
Beth Mill  
Jennifer O'Laughlin  
Jim Petrich

Joe Savage  
Gina Slavich  
Mike Stowers

Baby Lawson Timper  
John Tulare  
Cole Williamson  
Trevor Yates

Please pray for the repose of the souls of

**Luke Garrison** (fiancé of Allison Verhofstadt, St. Patrick Youth Minister)  
and

**Jack Sterino** (father of Jake Sterino)

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

### Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 2 - RIP Rizalina Stevens

Sunday, September 3 - RIP Mike Peck

Monday, September 4 - RIP Carol Pfeiffer

Tuesday, September 5 - RIP Barbara Antush

Wednesday, September 6 - *Communion Service*

Thursday, September 7 - RIP Jeannine Sturman

Friday, September 8 - RIP Frank Doherty

Saturday, September 9 - RIP Joe Alvela

Sunday, September 10 - RIP Stan Naccarato

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

### Children's Liturgy of the Word Begins Next Week- With YOUR help!

Children's Liturgy of the Word is scheduled  
to start back up on September 9<sup>th</sup>.  
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.

### School Supply Give - Away

As summer ends and school begins, we are winding  
down our **School Supply Give-Away** and want  
to thank all of you who were able to help us collect  
backpacks and school supplies this year. We are  
grateful for your generosity as are the families of the  
students we were able to supply this year.

Thank you so very much for all  
you do for the families served in  
programs through Family Housing  
Network Catholic Community  
Services.



***You make a difference!***

### 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 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. or 6:00 p.m.**

Questions? Contact Stephen Ministry at: 274-4110 or [stephenministry@saintpats.org](mailto:stephenministry@saintpats.org)





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.

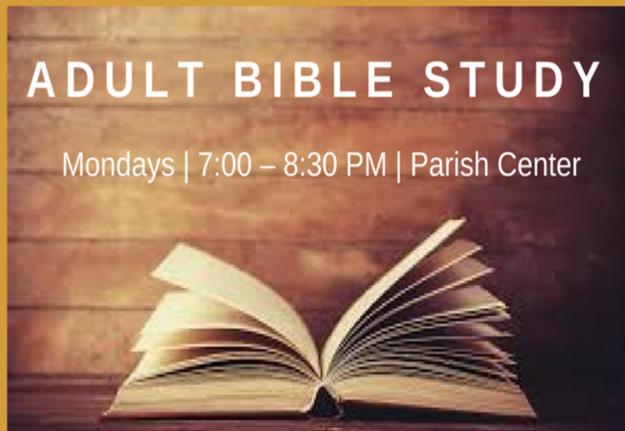
**Our play group will gather on Tuesdays, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. at the Nursery in the basement of the Church.**

**We are taking an "end of summer break" Join us on September 12<sup>th</sup>.**

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](mailto:ldougherty@saintpats.org)



## ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Mondays | 7:00 – 8:30 PM | Parish Center



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.

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

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

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

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



## PrimeTimers

Join us at the Parish Center for a potluck dinner on **Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.**  
*We welcome everyone 50+*



## Disability Inclusion Ministry

Widening our welcome.  
Advocating for people with disabilities.

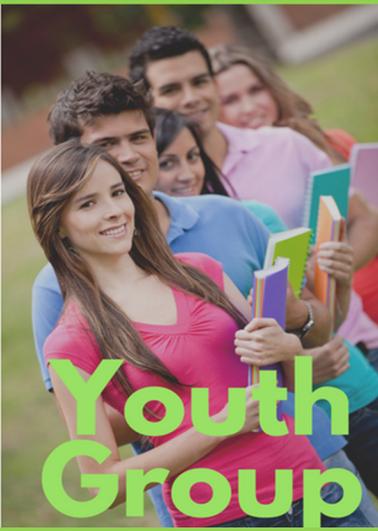
Join us the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays each month, at 3:00 p.m. in the Parish Center.

Questions? Contact Laura Dougherty at: 253-274-4109 or [ldougherty@saintpats.org](mailto:ldougherty@saintpats.org)



Our Youth Ministry focuses on forming lifelong disciples. The goal is to create a faith environment where our young people can ask questions and learn about their faith and form relationships with their leaders and peers. We want to build up Catholic youth who are so on fire for their faith that it inspires them to take it to the streets and evangelize by serving their greater community.

In order to reach this goal, we need faithful and passionate volunteers to help guide our young people throughout this journey, as well as older teenagers who feel called to be peer leaders!



Get connected!  
Allison Verhofstadt, Youth Minister  
253-383-2783 | youth@saintpats.org



## 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 8<sup>th</sup>. 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

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

Rebekah Rojcewicz,  
CGS National Formation Leader



## 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](http://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](http://saintpats.org)



QUESTIONS?

Contact Anna & Joe Skillman  
Youth Confirmation Leaders

253-383-2783 | [confirmation@saintpats.org](mailto:confirmation@saintpats.org)

## Youth Confirmation

Confirmation registration is open through the 1<sup>st</sup> class meeting on Sept 10<sup>th</sup>. All 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:confirmation@saintpats.org)

Register online at: [saintpats.org](http://saintpats.org) - Sacraments - Confirmation

September 3, 2017



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

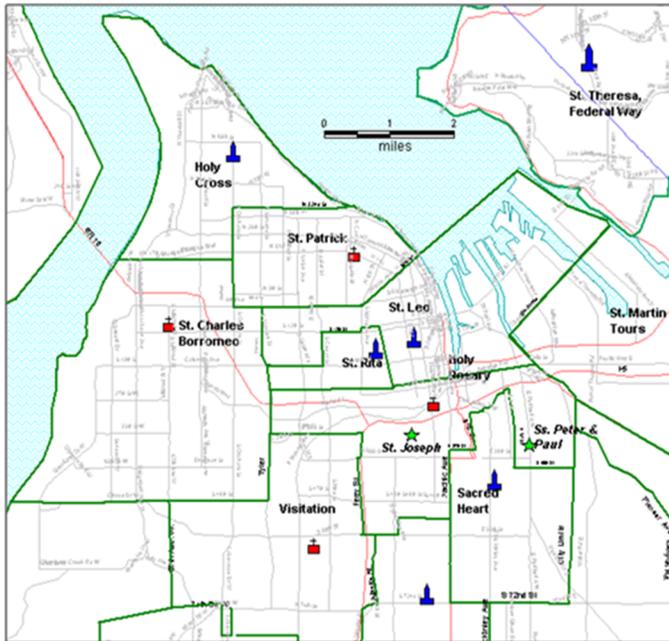
### Where Saint Patrick Parish stands in relation to his vision for the Archdiocese

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

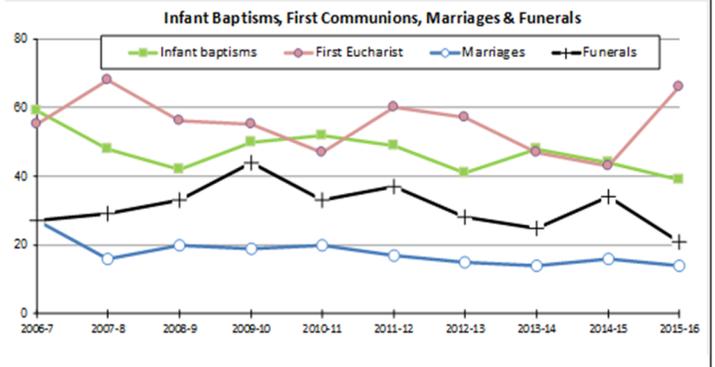
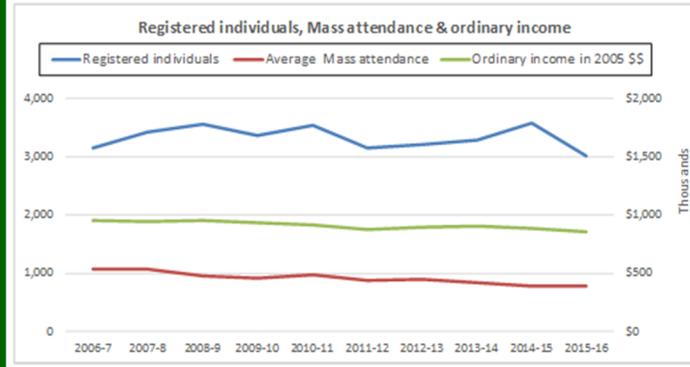
\*\*\*The parish is not an outdated institution; precisely because it possesses great flexibility, it can assume quite different contours depending on the openness and missionary creativity of the pastor and the community.... if the parish proves capable of self-renewal and constant adaptivity, it continues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

**St. Patrick, Tacoma (ID 147)**

Pierce Deanery



Total population and estimated Catholics within parish boundaries	Total population	23,256	Estimated Catholics	2,804	Catholic kids 5-14	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	From 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			=	=
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.*

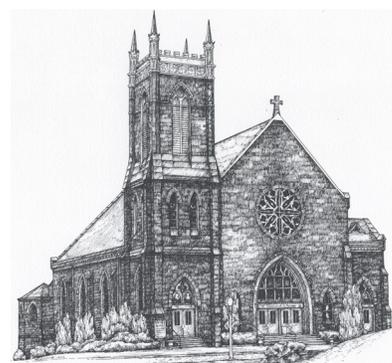
### SHARING THE GOOD NEWS & EVANGELIZING

*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,

Welcome to another school year. For most, we welcome you back. For our new families, we wish you a joyous welcome to St. Pats. All of us at the school are looking forward to seeing you all very soon.

As I have been walking through the school the last few days looking at that last project that needs to be completed; those few boxes that need to be moved; the computer that still needs to be configured, I have noticed our doors. Doors that have new teacher name plates on them, doors covered with artwork in anticipation of the students who will call this room home, doors with new awnings over them. All of these are pathways into our school that are now flung wide open in anticipation of your return. We are excited and happy to "open the doors" of the 2017-18 school year- the 124<sup>th</sup> time that St. Patrick School is opening a school year.

As you return, I ask you to take the time as you bring your children back to school to look above our front door and read the words that most beautifully describe why we open our doors again: "Let it be known to all who enter here that Jesus Christ is the reason for this school, the unseen but ever-present teacher." I know to open the door of faith for our students and families requires us to continually make a connection between the Gospel and our real-life experience and to do that requires us to be followers of Jesus. If we enter this school year with the promise of bringing hope and love to our children, it will be made possible because we are all willing to walk in the love of Jesus.

As I walk on our small campus in the quiet of the last days before school starts, I am reminded that this building only exists as a school when you are here. This building is ready for your return, your teachers anxious to begin the transforming gift of learning. We are happy that we will all soon be together as a school family. Our doors are open, welcome home.

I ask God to bless this year and to help us keep open the doors of our hearts to all we meet.

Peace,  
*Chris*



*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**

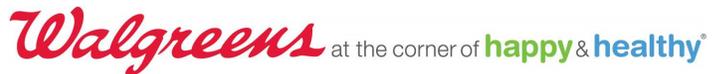
**Total pledged as of August 20 2017 - \$107,386**



**Flu shots will be available  
September 24<sup>th</sup> and October 15<sup>th</sup>  
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](mailto:health@saintpats.org)



**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](mailto:parish@saintpats.org) | 253-383-2783



### 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.



### 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](mailto: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.*

# SCRIP

funny word... easy fundraising



Support St. Patrick School  
Buy SCRIP  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month  
at  
Sunday Social Hour

### 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](mailto:stephenministry@saintpats.org)

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



**STEPHEN**  
MINISTRY



**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. Don't be shy in utilizing this free service to our community.

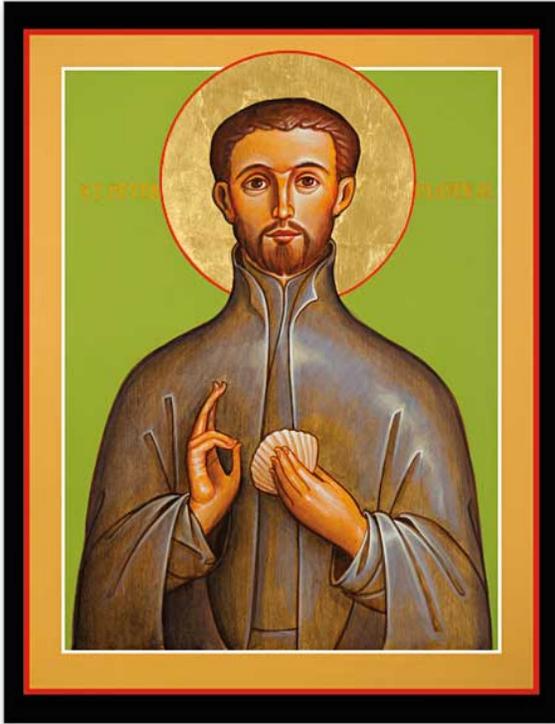
If you are donating at this time, we are in need of the following items:

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.

September 3, 2017



## Day of Prayer for Peace in our Communities - September 9<sup>th</sup>

In light of incidents of violence and racial tension in communities across the United States, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has invited all dioceses across the country to unite in a Day of Prayer for Peace in Our Communities on September 9<sup>th</sup>, the feast of St. Peter Claver.

Archbishop Wilton Gregory, of Atlanta, is chairing a special task force on building peace in communities and healing racial tensions.

Catholics are encouraged to pray, reflect, and discern action steps.

The USCCB offers year-round resources for prayer, liturgy and education which may be accessed at USCCB.

## 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:SCRIP@saintpats.org).

## 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 next weekend,  
**September 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>**

*Any help you can give is appreciated!*



## 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.

**STATE FAIR**  
of  
*Washington*  
DO THE PUYALLUP!

September 3, 2017

GOD SO LOVED HE GAVE



The  
Co-*MISSION*-ing  
&  
Annual  
Ministry Fair



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](mailto:skuharic@saintpats.org)



SAINT PATRICK  
CATHOLIC  
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September 3, 2017

**Parish Councils and Commissions**

**Finance Council:** Brent Hall, **Pastoral Council:** George Lane,

**Parish Ministries**

**Adult Bible Study:** Deacon Bill Eckert  
**Altar Servers:** DJ and Laura Dougherty  
**Arts and Environment:** Shannon Hall  
**Benedictine Spirituality:** Gavin MacHutchin  
**Cara to Cara:** Elaine Hilton  
**Children's Liturgy of the Word:** Lisa Beritich, Donna Anel  
**Choir:** Bob McKamey  
**Daily Mass Set Up:** Jane McDonough  
**Disability Inclusion Ministry:** Dan Webster  
**Eucharistic Adoration:** Bruce Stephen-Jordan  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Susan Campbell  
**Eucharistic Minister Training :** Virginia Delyanis  
**Foreign Mission Outreach:**  
**Funeral Receptions:** Teresa Kilga, Molly Lane, Jackie Swift  
**Grief Ministry:** Margaret Erickson  
**Health Ministry:** Dr. Garry Fitzgerald

**Knights of Columbus:** Mike Prichard  
**Lectors:** Chris Kradjan  
**Men's Prayer Group:** Charles Christnacht  
**Military Ministry:** Alejandro and Laura Sanchez  
**Mom's Group:** Ashley Selland  
**Prayer Shawl Ministry:** Anita Staeheli  
**PrimeTimers:** Gerry O'Leary, Joan Christnacht  
**ReMembering Church:** Leah Walker  
**Respect Life Group:** Paddy O'Halloran  
**Senior Ministry:** RJ Ryder, Julie Fitchitt  
**Social Justice Group:** Bill White  
**St. Vincent de Paul:** Dolly Reed  
**Stephen Ministry:** Penny Melton  
**Sunday Social Hour:** Bev Wombacher  
**Ushers:** Fred and Lynda Morley  
**Welcoming Committee:** Joanne Girolami



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