Tacoma Catholic Parishes of Saint Patrick and Saint Rita of Cascia

November 25, 2018 - Feast of Christ the King



MASSTIMES

Saturday Vígíl Mass: 5:00 p.m. - St. Patrick Sunday Masses: 7:30 a.m. - St. Ríta 9:00 a.m., 1 1:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. - St. Patríck

Weekday Mass: Monday, Communion Service ~ 7:45 a.m. ~ St. Patrick Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday ~ 7:45 a.m. ~ St. Patrick Thursday ~ 8:45 a.m. ~ St. Patrick (with the school children) Tuesday ~ Noon ~ St. Rita Saturday ~ 9:00 a.m. ~ St. Rita

ADORATION

Monday: 3:00 to 6:45 p.m. St. Patríck

1st Friday of the month: 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. - St. Rita

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 9:30 a.m. St. Ríta Saturday: 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. St. Patríck



Guest Writer: Kim Ward, Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation





Where the Mystery of God meets the Mystery of the Child

"Bethlehem - the fire of God's love!" Nikki announces enthusiastically as she is shown the topographical map of the Land of Israel. The handful of children, ages 3-7, warmly received this proclamation and all agree, nodding with joyful conviction. The week prior this same group had seen the globe. The presentation, using a sandpaper globe, emphasized that Jesus was a real man who lived on this earth in a particular place, at a particular point in time-- the tiny land of Israel where God revealed the depth of his eternal love for us. The group leaned in closely to see the tiny red dot where God changed our world forever. The profundity is made only more solemn as the children reflect and respond to this mystery.

The children in the atrium (the name of the space where the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd takes place) live a rhythm of prayer and work as they encounter Jesus in each weekly 2 hour session. The adults who have the privilege of being in this space with the children, also enter into this rhythm. The adult's role is that of match maker, showing children materials and stepping out of the way for the only true teacher, the Holy Spirit, giving children space to pray and work at their pace.

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd has slowly grown at St. Patrick and in our Archdiocese over the last 21 years. The St. Patrick atrium averages 60-85 children per year. This year, 67 children are enrolled. One child, one encounter at a time. Like the parable of the mustard seed, we invest energy, tending to small seeds, trusting that God will see to it that the seed becomes a tree one day. Subjects include biblical geography, prayer, infancy narratives, sacraments.... to name but a few. Each theme developed over the span of 9 years, slowly deepening and expanding the child's understanding of our faith. We like to hold the vision of the child as walking into the atrium at age 3 with an open heart and an absorbent mind, and walking out 9 years later with an understanding of liturgy and scripture embedded deeply within them, having touched and pondered so much.

We welcome children, ages 3-12, and youth and adults who desire to assist in our sacred space. Contact the Parish Office anytime to set up an observation.

May our Good Shepherd bless you as we prepare to enter the 'waiting season' of Advent.

Kim Ward Pastoral Associate of Faith Formation Catechesis of the Good Shepherd National Association: cgsusa.org

Calendar

Sunday, November 25: Feast of Christ the King

Mass at 7:30 a.m. - St. Rita Mass at 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. - St. Patrick CLOW - During Morning Masses - St. Patrick Sodality Sunday - St. Rita No St. Patrick Sunday Social Hour NET Retreat at the Parish Center - St. Patrick

Monday, November 26:

Communion Service at 7:45 a.m. - St. Patrick Euch. Adoration - 3:00 - 6:45 p.m. - Chapel - St. Patrick Evening Prayer - 6:45 p.m. - Chapel - St. Patrick Adult Bible Study - 7:00 p.m. - Center - St. Patrick Boy Scouts - 7:00 p.m. - Hall - St. Patrick

Tuesday, November 27:

Communion Service at 7:45 a.m. - St. Patrick <u>No Mass - Noon - St. Rita</u> Sodality Meeting - 12:30 p.m. - St. Rita Stephen Ministry - 4:45 p.m. - Center - St. Patrick RCIA - 7:00 p.m. - Center - St. Patrick

Wednesday, November 28:

Communion Service at 7:45 a.m. - St. Patrick Office Hours - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - St. Rita Mom's Group - 9:15 a.m. - Center - St. Patrick Bible Study - 1:00 p.m. - Rectory - St. Rita Religious Education - Center - 6:00 p.m. - St. Patrick Cub Scouts - 6:30 p.m. - Hall - St. Patrick Social Justice - 6:30 p.m. - Center - St. Patrick Choir Practice - 7:00 p.m. - Church - St. Patrick

Thursday, November 29:

Mass with the school children at 8:45 a.m. - St. Patrick Women's Fireside Bible Study - 6:00 p.m. - Center - St. Patrick KC Business Mtg. - 7:00 p.m. - Center - St. Patrick

Friday, November 30:

Communion Service at 7:45 a.m. - St. Patrick Men's Prayer - 6:45 a.m. - Hall - St. Patrick

Saturday, December 1:

Mass at 9:00 a.m. - St. Rita Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m. - St. Patrick KC RISE - 8:30 a.m. - Hall - St. Patrick Catholic Daughters Luncheon - Noon - Hall - St. Patrick Cupcake Saturday - 9:00 a.m. - St. Rita Reconciliation - 9:30 a.m. - Church - St. Rita Reconciliation - 3:30 p.m. - Church - St. Patrick St. Vincent de Paul Collection - St. Patrick

Sunday, December 2: First Sunday of Advent

Mass at 7:30 a.m. - St. Rita Mass at 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. - St. Patrick CLOW - During Morning Masses - St. Patrick St. Vincent de Paul Collection - St. Patrick St. Nicholas Celebration - After Masses - Hall - St. Patrick Choir Practice - 9:15 a.m. - St. Rita Nativity House - Noon - St. Rita Youth Group - 5:00 p.m. - Center - St. Patrick Confirmation - 5:45 p.m. - Center - St. Patrick

Mass Intentions Sunday, November 25 -Mass for the People of the Parish Monday, November 26 -Communion Service - St. Patrick Tuesday, November 27 -Communion Service - St. Patrick No Mass - St. Rita Wednesday, November 28-Communion Service - St. Patrick Thursday, November 29 -RIP Steve Kean - St. Patrick Friday, November 30 -Communion Service-St. Patrick Saturday, December 1 -RIP Carl Sr. & Frances Mazzuca Family - St. Rita Mass for the People of the Parish - St. Patrick





Please pray for:

St. Patrick Joanne Armour Debbie Christnacht Joann Derlín Dragica Dragovcic Jedd Felícíano Pearl Fors Joanne Gírolamí Geraldíne Maníatís Tom McDonough Julí Norrís Joanie Parlic Courtney Rederick Joe Savage Dennís Seíler John Tulare Raquel Wheeler Terry Yates Trevor Yates

St. Rita Colleen Batinovich Delores Borda Ann Burns Sr. Mary Buttimer Teresa Gíbbs Sr. Marílyn Gooley George Greco Bruce Harrís Tína & Joe Isakson Terrí Jurích SonLee Sally Lupíno Chuck Mazza Sandy Mazzeí Donna Pate Margaret Pínchak Daísy Radloff Jim Riconosciuto Míríam Sanderson Joy Víafore Nelson Williams



Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve - 5:00 & 9:00 p.m. at St. Patrick Catholic Church 5:30 p.m. at Holy Cross Catholic Church Christmas Day - 8:30 a.m. at Holy Cross Catholic Church 9:00 a.m. at St. Patrick Catholic Church 10:30 a.m. at St. Rita of Cascia Catholic Church

GOD SO LOVED, HE GAVE

As stewards of our church, we support our parish's efforts to carry out the mission Christ gave us.

Stewardship has its beginning in baptism. Our baptism as one of Christ's disciples calls us to share our gifts through our time, talents and treasure.

Please prayerfully reflect on your giving to the parish.

Pledge cards can be found on line, in the pews, the vestibule or the back of the church.

FROM A HEART OF GRATITUDE, WE GIVE OUR TIME - TALENT - T R E A S U R E





Sponsored by Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court #977

Saturday, December 1st at Noon St. Patrick Church Hall

Proceeds to benefit a Scholarship Fund for a girl attending a Tacoma area Catholic School.

A selection of salads for lunch, wonderful Raffle Items and fun door prizes will make this a festive day.

Tickets \$12 -Contact Gloria Morehouse at: 253 475-8430 for tickets and further information.

Social Justice Ministry

WINTER DRIVE FOR THE HOMELESS BLANKETS | COATS | SOCKS

Donation bin in the Church Gathering Space

St. Nicholas Day Celebration You're invited!



December 2nd immediately following the 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Mass in the St. Patrick Church Hall.

CCS Giving Tree

Please join the Ushers & Greeters in our partnership with Catholic Community Services as we present our 3rd Annual Giving Tree. CCS has connected us with children who need our help this Holiday Season. Each brightly colored-tag on the tree inside the Gathering Space, includes the child's name, age, gender and Christmas wish list. We're asking interested Parishioners to take a tag, purchase a suitable gift for the child named on the tag and then to return the wrapped gift with the child's name tag to any usher by Sunday, December 16th. All gifts will be taken to CCS in time to be delivered by Christmas. Please contact Fred Morley at: 253-394-2120 for more details.



ladies advent book club ~thursdays~ 11.29.18-12.20.18 saint patrick parish center fireside room 7:00-9:00 pm

All Star Readers

is an after school reading program at Arlington Elementary School, dedicated to helping 55 struggling readers in need and provides one on one curriculum to help each student achieve their next level.

In order to make a significant impact on these students, we need 30 volunteers to come along side us and tutor a student in need.

<u>There is no prior training required</u>. Volunteer orientation is online, once completed, volunteers can just come on their chosen day(s).



The cast of characters is strange and exotic: shepherds and magicians, an emperor and a despot, angels, and a baby who is Almighty God.

The strangeness calls for an explanation, and this book provides it by examining the characters and the story in light of the biblical and historical context.

Bestselling author Scott Hahn, who has written extensively on Scripture and the early Church, brings evidence to light, dispelling some of the mystery of the story.

Yet Christmas is made familiar all over again by showing it to be a family story. Christmas, as it appears in the New Testament, is the story of a father, a mother, and a child -their relationships, their interactions, their principals, their individual lives, and their common life.

To see the life of their "earthly trinity" is to gaze into heaven. Join us for warm fellowship - to delve deeper into the Christmas story, and the beloved family on which it is based.

Bring a friend - all are welcome!

Stephen Ministry

Going through a tough time emotionally or spiritually? Struggling with a crisis or just feeling down?



MINISTR 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 and free. Contact Stephen Ministry at: 274 - 4110 or stephenministry@saintpats.org You'll receive a response within 48 hours. Please call 911 if it is an emergency.

> Our Knights of Columbus Council is actively recruiting new members. If you are a Catholic man 18 years or older please consider a vocation serving others as Jesus did. Those interested please email, Mike Prichard at: mprich56@gmail.com or Joe Devlin at: Joe.Devlin@kofc809.org



ST. PATRICK

Saint Patrick Parish invites all to a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through Eucharist, Prayer and Education, to become Disciples for a World Church. Revised Mission Statement established March 2017

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 visit our Welcome Desk in the Gathering Space before and after Mass. You can also visit our website at: www.saintpats.org or call us at: 253-383-2783

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Mondays - 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. St. Patrick Parish Center

Men's Prayer Group

Join us Friday mornings, 6:45-7:30 a.m. in the Church Hall This Prayer Group is for men of all ages who want to deepen their relationship with God within the context of family life, work and our faith community.

Thank you

St. Patrick parishioners for your generous and continued support of our ongoing food drive, benefitting St. Leo's Food Connection.

For November we will be collecting Peanut Butter.

Please place all donations in the basket in the Church vestibule.



saint patrick catholic church Catholic Mons Group

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. Join us! Catholic or Catholic curious? Practicing or not.

Our play group meets Wednesdays, 9:15 - 10:45 a.m. in the St. Patrick Parish Center Youth Room.

> Check our facebook page -Catholic Moms Group for details.

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

PrimeTimers Holiday Luncheon

Our December Holiday Luncheon will be held at Joan Christnacht's home on Tuesday, December 4th at Noon.

Lasagna will be provided, please bring a salad or dessert.

If you need the address of Joan please call the Parish Center at: 253-274-4100.

ST. PATRICK SCHOOL

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



ST. PATRICK SCHOOL

1112 North G Street, Tacoma, WA 98403 Telephone: (253) 272-2297 Email: office@saintpats.org Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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.

"An education in the fullness of humanity should be the defining feature of Catholic schools." -Pope Francis

Come and see our servant leaders of tomorrow in action today!

WELCOME WEDNESDAYS Nov 14 | Nov 28 | Dec 12

Email school@saintpats.org to schedule a tour.



SAINT PATS The Next Generation

You're Invited!

Saturday, the Sixteenth of March Two Thousand Nineteen

> SAINT PATRICK CATHOLIC SCHOOL Skip Butler Gymnasium 1112 North & Street Tacoma, WA

> > SAINT PATRIC

REACH@SAINTPATS.ORG





SCRIP will be available at Sunday Social Hour after the 9:00 a.m. Mass every Sunday until Christmas.



Join us for Mass with the school Children. Thursday mornings at 8:45 a.m. in the Church.

GIVE OUR SCHOOL A RAVING REVIEW

NOVEMBER

FOO

GreatSchools is a leading national nonprofit providing school information to help millions of American families choose the right school, support learning at home, and guide their children to great futures.

WWW.GREATSCHOOLS.ORG/WASHINGTON/TACOMA/2247-ST.-PATRICK-CATHOLIC-SCHOOL/



ST. RITA



COMMUNITY LIFE

ONLINE GIVING If you haven't tried Online Giving.... Maybe the time is NOW?!

JUST SOME OF THE BENEFITS:

Secure site for giving

No need to share confidential credit/debit card or bank account information – enter it directly

You can use with envelopes just check the "I Give Online" box.

Flexible giving dates allows you to align with your pay date

No need to write checks Anytime, anywhere access You can cancel at anytime



To set up an online giving account, visit: https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/1149 and follow instructions to create an online profile.

Parish Stewardship 2018 / 2019

Last week's collection - \$1,831 Year to date - \$52,831

Mass Cancellations

There will be no 12:00 p.m., Tuesday Mass on November 27th.

Any Mass intentions for those days will be moved to the next available date.

Sodality will still meet November 27th at 12:30 in the Hall.

Our mission is to embrace all who join us, to nourish ourselves with the Word, the Eucharist, and the Community in alliance with the Jesuit charism, and to go forth to proclaim and witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

"The greater your knowledge of the goodness of God on your life, the more likely you are to praise Him in the storm." Matt Chandler

SOCIAL JUSTICE

THE FACE OF HOMELESSNESS: Not just those living on the street or in abandoned buildings are homeless. People who currently have no permanent housing, such as living in shelters, SRO's, doubled up with another family, in shelters or transitional housing, will lose their housing (i.e. eviction), and those fleeing an unsafe environment (i.e. domestic violence) are also considered to be homeless.

We live in one of the most affluent countries in the world and should be appalled by the number of homeless in our country. As Christians and Americans we need to come together to find a solution to the problem, but until we find that solution we need to help alleviate as much of their suffering as we can.

Jesus said, "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." (Mt. 25:40)

There is a basket on the back table where we are collecting winter clothing (hats, scarves, gloves, sweaters and warm socks) to help the homeless.



ST. RITA

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Do you want to learn how to make traditional Italian Christmas cookies? We will be offering a class on December 8th at 10:00 a.m. in the kitchen. The cookies will be **Scalili** - ring-shaped cookies that are deep fried then coated with honey; **Crustili** - braided cookies that are deep fried then coated with honey or powdered sugar. Very light and crunchy; **Ginili** - cookies filled with nuts and raisins that are baked then coated with honey; **Turdili** - small bits of dough that are deep fried or baked then coated with honey. The cost is \$10.00. For more information call the office at: 253-627-4851 or see Pam Smith.

Thermostat: The thermostat in the church has been programed for the heating season, please do not change it as you could delete the program and cause the system to not provide heat when it is needed. Thank you.

Devotional Candles: To cover the cost of the candle the suggested price is \$5 for the large candles and \$1 for the smaller candles.



New Directory

We are updating our directory and need your help. Wendi Pfannenstiel will be calling everyone to verify their information, or you can email the office at: office@stritastacoma.org and in the subject line put new directory. We would like to have the new directory out the first of the year, please respond as soon as possible.

HELP HOST DINNER AT NATIVITY HOUSE

sponsored by

Holy Names Society of Saint Rita of Cascia Catholic Church

FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH 12 PM **Nativity House** 702 South 14 Street Tacoma, WA 98405

Nativity House is the largest, most comprehensive facility in Pierce County serving low-income and homeless adults.

Share the journey with our neighbors experiencing homelessness. Help prepare and serve a meal.

TRIVA

Which Saint is believed to have put together the first Nativity scene?



Answer to last week's question:

What late British journalist, author and satirist is known as the "discover of St. Mother Teresa"?

A.) Malcom Muggeridge, he first interviewed her in 1968 which aired on BBC. This led to a 5 day shoot in Calcutta in 1969 which produced the acclaimed documentary "Something Beautiful for God".

Church of St. Rita of Cascia - Like our Facebook Page!



Congratulations to our Advertiser of the Month: JOHN L. MESSINA, ATTORNEY

Celebrating Children at St. Patrick and St. Rita

To the parents of our young children, may we suggest...

- Relax! God put the wiggle in children; Don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome!
- Do prepare your child ahead of time by modeling joy at the opportunity to worship God in this community.
- Sit up front where it is easier to see and hear.
- Quietly explain the parts of the Mass.
- Sing the hymns loudly, pray, and voice the responses with enthusiasm. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you.
- If your child becomes particulary disruptive, feel free to leave Mass, but please come back. As Jesus said: "Let the children come to me."
- Trust the evironment of the Mass and our community to form your child over time.
- Please do not bring food or drink into the church unless they are medically indicated. Please do not bring electronic Games into Church.

To the members of the parish...

- Remember that the way we welcome children in Church directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God and to one another. Let them know that they are loved and appreciated in this house of worship.
- A smile of encouragement is always welcome to parents with small, active children.
 The presence of children is a gift to the church, they give us a *"Future Full of Hope"*.

