

Saint Patrick Parish

1001 North J Street, Tacoma, WA 98403 | 253-383-2783 | www.saintpats.orgSunday MassesDaily MassesReconciliationSaturday Vigil 5pmMonday Communion Service 8:00amSaturday 3:30pmSunday 9am, 11am, 7pmTuesday - Friday 8:00amSchool Mass, Thursday 9:00am

Holy Cross Parish

5510 North 44TH Street, Tacoma, WA 98407 | 253-759-3368 | www.holycross-tacoma.orgSunday MassesDaily MassesReconciliationSaturday Vigil 5:30pmMonday, Thursday, Friday 9amSaturday 4pmSunday 10amWednesday 5:30pm

Saint Rita of Cascia Parish

1403 South Ainsworth, Tacoma, WA 98405 | 253-627-4851 | www.stritastacoma.orgSunday MassDaily MassesReconciliation7:30amTuesday 12Noon, Saturday 9amSaturday 9:30am



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2019



Dear Friends in Christ,

It's no secret that I am a fan of the Washington State Cougars. Go Cougs! is part of my vocabulary, to the core of my being. Most people who go to WSU have a good experience of the place. Many of us return as alumni for games and other functions; mainly to re-live our youth to some extent! School pride is also a way in which community is formed. But it can be tricky too. A few weeks ago, a fourth grader in Tennessee, a big fan of the University of Tennessee Volunteers, wanted to show school pride, even at a young age. So he made a "home-made" UT design and taped it to an orange T-shirt and wore it to school. He was roundly teased and bullied for what he wore. But the university thought his love for UT needed to be rewarded. So they took the little boy's design and made it into a real T-shirt......50,000 shirts later the university also awarded him a full ride scholarship for the year 2028, should the boy successfully apply for admission!

What I find interesting about the story is that the little boy authentically loved UT and wanted to show it in his own way. He designed an objectively awkward shirt but did so with love and dedication...more so than any design company could do. Is any of this related to our life of faith? Well, I think it can be. How often do we awkwardly show our love for the Lord Jesus and his Church in our daily lives? Simply celebrating Mass on Sunday is a counter cultural thing to do these days....and some people are roundly mocked for doing so. People tell me this all the time. Some succumb and give in and stay away. Others ignore it and happily come to Mass. Church teachings are roundly mocked and Catholicism is made fun of as an outdated set of rules and morals that no longer apply. Yet many of us stay true to the faith that has been handed onto us, through thick and thin, so that we may show the love of Jesus in a world that is all too indifferent. What awaits us for all this? Well, not a full ride scholarship to Tennessee, but something much greater! The reward is living life to the fullest, authentically as disciples of the Lord, who loves us so that we can reflect his love to those around us. That is what ultimately will change our world for the better and lead us all to eternal life. Today, that takes boldness and courage. Just like that of a little boy in Tennessee.

God bless,

Fr David Mulholland

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2019

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22: 25TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Mass at 7:30 a.m. - St. Rita Sodality Sunday Mass at 9:00 a.m.,11:00 a.m.,7:00 p.m. - St. Patrick Mass at 10:00 a.m. - Holy Cross RCIA Class - 10:30 a.m. - Parish Center - St. Patrick Sac. Prep. Reconciliation Class - 12:30 p.m. -Church - St. Patrick Youth Ministry - 5:00 p.m. - Center - St. Patrick Confirmation Class - 5:45 p.m. - Center - St. Patrick

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23:

Communion Service at 8:00 a.m. - St. Patrick Mass at 9:00 a.m. - Holy Cross Eucharistic Adoration - 3:00 - 6:45 p.m. - 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, SEPTEMBER 24:

Mass at 8:00 a.m. - St. Patrick Mass at Noon - St. Rita Sodality Mtg. - 12:30 p.m. - Hall - St. Rita Outreach/Food Bank - 8:00 a.m. - RE Building - Holy Cross Rummage Volunteers - 10:00 a.m. - Rum. Hall - Holy Cross Stephen Ministry - 4:00 p.m. - Center - St. Patrick RCIA - 7:00 p.m. - Center - St. Patrick KC Business Mtg. - 7:00 p.m. - Hall - St. Patrick

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25:

Mass at 8:00 a.m. - St. Patrick Mass at 5:30 p.m. - Holy Cross Bible Study - Noon - Rectory - St. Rita Social Justice - 6:30 p.m.- Center- St. Patrick Mother of Perpetual Help Novena - 7:30 p.m. - Holy Cross

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26:

Mass with the School Children at 9:00 a.m. - St. Patrick Mass at 9:00 a.m. - Holy Cross Safe Environment Class - 5:30 p.m. - Hall - Holy Cross Catholicism Series - 6:30 p.m. - Center - St. Patrick

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27:

Mass at 8:00 a.m. - St. Patrick Mass at 9:00 a.m. - Holy Cross Men's Prayer - 6:45 a.m. - Hall - St. Patrick Office Closed - St. Rita Rental - 7:00 p.m. - Center - St. Patrick

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28:

Mass at 9:00 a.m. - St. Rita Liturgical Minister Retreat - 9:00 a.m. - Center - St. Patrick Reconciliation - 9:30 a.m. - St. Rita Reconciliation - 3:30 p.m. - St. Patrick Reconciliation - 4:00 p.m. - Holy Cross Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m. - St. Patrick Vigil Mass at 5:30 p.m. - Holy Cross

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29: 26THSUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Mass at 7:30 a.m. - St. Rita Mass at 9:00 a.m.,11:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m. - St. Patrick Pancake Breakfast in the SP Church Hall Free Flu Shots in the SP Church Library Mass at 10:30 a.m. - Holy Cross RCIA Class - 10:00 a.m. - Center - St. Patrick Sac. Prep Reconciliation Class - 12:30 p.m. - Church -St. Patrick St. Peter Chanel Samoan Ministry Mass –1:00 p.m. - Holy Cross Youth Ministry - 5:00 p.m. - Center - St. Patrick

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 Mass for the People of the Parishes

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 Mass at Holy Cross | Repose of the soul of Rupert Manalili

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 Mass at St. Patrick | Repose of the soul of Margaret Pinchak Mass at St. Rita | Repose of the soul of Ron Ames

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 Mass at St. Patrick | Repose of the soul of Pat Williams Mass at Holy Cross | Intentions of Denis DePaul

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 Mass at St. Patrick | Repose of the soul of the sister of Joann Francis Mass at Holy Cross | Repose of the soul of Virginia Mitchell

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 Mass at St. Patrick | Repose of the soul of Joni Schick Mass at Holy Cross | Repose of the soul of Joyce Andrews

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 Mass at St. Rita | Intentions of the Unborn

PRAY FOR THE RESPOSE OF THE SOUL OF

Morgan Moroní

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



Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon them. May they Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER, OUR SICK:

ST. PATRICK Albert Bacon Roy Brennan Toan Bruce Christopher Burton Helen Downey Dragica Dragovcic Jedd Felícíano Joanne Gírolamí Geraldine Maniatis Sr. Philomena McCarthy, OP Beth O'Keefe Ríck Ranch Joe Savage Dennís Seiler Catherine Sleavin John Sturrock Tohn Tulare Trevor Yates

HOLY CROSS Bíll Adams Eileen Beckowitz Helen Berg Judy Gaffney EFren García Joe Gilligan Tim Helbling Marjorie Hermsen Mary Kingston Betty Knoll Joan Kowalskí Carolyn Kurríger Dick Lucich Janet McIntyre Kathie Mikita Dave Peterson Fr. John Rengglí Ann Roberts Jeffrey Schmidt Maureen Stebner Denís Tímmerman Níck Tuccí Donna Tveít Ned Vukovích MaryEllen Wínskí

ST. RITA Dave Adler Colleen Batinovich Robín Coralluzzo John Cunningham Sr. Mary Buttimer Donna Evres Teresa Gibbs Sr. Marílyn Gooley George Greco Judy Hussy Tína Isakson Gary Jensen SonLee Sally Luppino Chuck Mazza Donna Pate Michael Pfannenstiel Daisy Radloff JimRiconosciuto Míríam Sanderson Dorí Schoebíen Joy Víafore

Archdiocese of Seattle PRIEST PENSION AND RETIREE MEDICAL PLAN FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT IS THE CURRENT PENSION BENEFIT TO RETIRED PRIESTS?

Effective July 1, 2017, for the first time in 10 years, the pension benefit increased from \$1,700 to \$1,943 per month or \$23,316 per year.

PRIEST RETIREMENT NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

According to 2017 actuarial valuations, the Archdiocese of Seattle has 113 priests in active ministry. Of those in active ministry, 31 priests are 65 years or older. A total of 111 priests are receiving retirement benefits.

WHAT IS THE CURRENT SALARY OF A PRIEST?

Priest salaries are paid according to several scales which consider several factors:

- Years of service.
- Holding the office of pastor.
- Size of parish.
- Parishes with schools.
- Service to the Archdiocese of Seattle (dean, etc.).

In 2017, salaries for priests in the Archdiocese of Seattle ranged from approximately \$16,500 to \$32,000. Priests also receive a food allowance, mileage allowance and parish provided housing.

WHY DO PRIESTS NEED HELP WITH RETIREMENT NEEDS?

The pension benefit helps priests with basic costs of living. The Archdiocese of Seattle encourages and educates priests to save and contribute to the Priest 403(b) defined contribution plan (similar to a 401(k) program) to supplement their retirement savings. The priest pension plan is one leg of a three-legged retirement stool (personal savings, priest pension benefit and social security) which assures those priests who have served the faithful of the Archdiocese of Seattle will be provided for in their retirement.

HOW LONG HAS THE PRIEST 403(B) PLAN BEEN IN PLACE?

The Priest 403(b) Plan began in 1995. In May 2017, the Priest 403(b) Plan merged with the Lay Employees 403(b) Plan. At the end of March 2017, the total funds invested by priest participants were \$9,981,321. At the end of June 2016, 82 of the 113 priests in active ministry were participating.

ARE PRIESTS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE 403(B) PLAN MATCHED?

Yes. Priests receive matching contributions from 20% to 40% of their contributions to the 403b plan, based on each priest's year of birth, up to a maximum of \$2,500 per annum.

ARE PRIESTS CONSIDERED SELF-EMPLOYED?

Yes. According to I.R.S. rules, Catholic priests are considered self-employed and must pay their own self-employment taxes. Self-employment taxes consists of Social Security and Medicare taxes primarily for individuals who work for themselves. It is similar to the Social Security and Medicare taxes withheld from the pay of most wage earners, except self-employed individuals pay both the employer and employee portion of those taxes.

Social Security and Medicare taxes of most wage earners are figured by their employers. Priests can deduct the employerequivalent portion of their self-employment tax in figuring their adjusted gross income.

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DO PRIESTS RECEIVE MEDICARE? IS THEIR MEDICAL BENEFIT A MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT?

Yes. The medical benefit for senior priests is currently a Medicare supplement but is switching to a Medicare advantage plan. In addition, their post-retirement benefits include dental, vision and hearing. The plan helps reimburse senior priests who have more than \$600 in out of pocket expenses in a year.

WHO ARE THE TRUSTEES OF THE PRIEST PENSION AND MEDICAL PLANS?

As of Sept. 1, 2017, the trustees of the priest pension plan and the ending date of their terms are:

- Very Rev. Anthony E. Bawyn, elected, appointed chair (2021)
- Rev. Joseph F. Altenhofen, elected (2022)
- Rev. Oliver F. Duggan, elected (2022)
- Rev. Mark M. Kiszelewski, elected (2021)
- Rev. Jacob M. Maurer, elected (2022)
- Ms. Mary E. Santi, appointed
- Mr. Nick Schoen, representing the Vicar for Clergy, ex officio

Trustees do not require any special qualifications to serve, however, the archbishop must first approve the list of nominees before those nominated are able to run for election. And, as described below, the trustees work with an independent investment adviser and the archdiocesan Chief Financial Officer attends all quarterly trustee meetings.

WHO ADVISES THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON THE INVESTMENT OF PLAN ASSETS?

Consulting services and performance evaluation are provided by Highland Capital Advisors.

WHEN DID THE PRIEST PENSION PLAN BEGIN?

Archbishop Hunthausen established the priest pension plan on June 1, 1972. Contributions to the plan were made voluntarily by individual priests. Pastors contributed \$72 per year and other priests contributed \$54 per year. The benefit eligibility age, under the original plan, was 70.

QUICK TIMELINE OF THE PENSION PLAN PROVISIONS:

- **1985**: The extended service factor was changed from \$12.50 per month, for each additional year of service beyond benefit eligibility age, to two and one-half percent for each additional year of service. The Archdiocese of Seattle became responsible for full funding and no priest contributions were allowed.
- 1995: The plan was amended to state that priests would receive pension benefits at age 65, regardless of whether they were in active ministry. The two and one-half percent extended service pay was eliminated.
- 2007: The benefit eligibility age changed to a scale between 65 and 67 years of age, depending on the priest's year of birth.
- 2010: The benefit accrual schedule changed from 25 to 30 years and the extended service benefit was eliminated for service after Jan. 1, 2010. The benefit eligibility age changed to a scale between 65 and 70 based on date of birth. Language relating to a change in the clerical state regarding postponement of benefits was clarified.
- 2017: Definitions were updated and benefit terms and conditions were clarified.

OUR COMMUNITY

STEWARDSHIP - GLAD YOU ASKED THAT

There seems to be a lot of "Financial Asks" coming from the church lately. How are we expected to support all of them?

That's a great question. Yes, there have been multiple projects and campaigns in the parish and diocese that involve an "ask" for financial support. In our continued effort to be more up front and clear about the complete finances of our parish, we would like to provide the following line-up of all the major financial projects you can expect to see this coming year:

Activity	Beneficiary
Sacrificial Giving (weekly support to parish) (Fall Drive)	Parish
Annual Catholic Appeal (Spring Drive)	Archdiocese
Called to Serve As Christ Campaign (Sep-Oct 2019)	Archdiocese
The School Annual Fund (Fall Drive)	School
School REACH Auction (Spring Event)	School
St. Vincent de Paul, Food Bank, Clothing Drive (Ongoing)	Local Populace
Special Collections (throughout the year)	Designated Charity

It is a lot, and not everyone is capable of supporting all of them. But it is also indicative of being a vibrant parish that is actively involved in bringing Christ into the world, and that mission requires resources.

How and where you share your financial blessings is a very personal decision. But we do offer a few suggestions as to how you might consider discerning how you will prioritize the charities you support.

One recommendation is to consider setting aside 10% of your income for charity, with 5% donated to your church and 5% to other charities of choice. Within the gifts you direct to the church your first priority is to your parish (Sacrificial Giving and School Programs); your second priority is to the archdiocese (Annual Catholic Appeal, Catholic Community Services, etc); and third are special campaigns (Called to Serve as Christ, Building Renovations, Roofs, etc). These special campaigns call for support above and beyond the first two priorities, and it is not the intent of these campaigns for parishioners to interrupt their giving to the parish and archdiocese in order to give to special campaigns. Contributions to such campaigns are the result of extra giving above and beyond because of the importance of the campaign.

Charitable giving is indeed a complicated and very personal decision. These are just some broad recommendations we offer to help you in your discernment process. We hope to provide additional information in the coming weeks and months.

Sincerely,

Your Finance Council

RESPECT LIFE



40 Days for Life

Did you know that abortion has taken the lives of over 60 million Americans since 1973?

Abortion always leaves one dead and one wounded.

40 Days for Life is 40 days of peaceful prayer, fasting, and public witness outside of abortion facilities. It has been a divine answer to this crisis.

> Everyday until November 3 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Cedar River Clinic, 1401 MLK Jr Way, Tacoma

For questions or to get involved: tacoma40daysforlife@gmail.com

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry at St. Charles Borromeo cordially invites you to join our Prayer Shawl group. We meet on the second Saturday of every month at the Convent building behind the school. We meet from 1-3 p.m. and all levels of knitting or crocheting are welcome.

This ministry is SO needed and SO welcomed by those who receive them.

If you feel compelled to make prayer shawls to comfort those in need, please join us. Call Denise Hirota at 253-503-3998 for more information.

HOMILIES ON DEMAND

Homebound parishioners, "long distance" parishioners or maybe you just want to hear a homily again. Subscribe to St. Patrick Catholic Church on YouTube for access to our homilies.

STEPHEN MINISTERS



A new class for Stephen Ministers! Stephen Ministry equips and empowers lay caregivers to provide high-quality, confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting. Does this speak to your gifts? Now is the time to show your interest and sign up to attend an introductory meeting

outlining training. This is open to all parishioners at St. Patrick, Holy Cross and St. Rita.

Classes Begin October 8, 2019 Q & A Meetings

September 15 at 10:15 a.m. in the St. Patrick Church Hall. September 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Patrick Parish Center.

To register: Leave contact information for Stephen Ministry at: (253) 274-4110. Send an email with contact information to: stephenministry@saintpats.org

HEARING AID DEVICES

If you're having trouble hearing at Mass, please consider using our hearing aids. Check with an usher when you come to Mass and they will assist you in using it.

YOUR CHILD'S SAFETY IS **IMPORTANT TO US**

Please remember that during Mass our Churches remain unlocked. Please DO NOT send young children to restrooms alone. As in any public place, young children should be accompanied at all times.

WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

A marriage may be made in Heaven, but the maintenance must be done on earth.

 Worldwide Marriage Encounter gives you the tools to maintain your marriage.

 Sign up today to attend the Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend at the Sheraton Hotel Bellevue on November 15 - 17, 2019. www.wwme.org

FREE FLU VACCINES



The first Flu Clinic of the season will be after the 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Masses Sunday, September 29 at St. Patrick in the downstairs Library.

Our next one will be October 20 at Holy Cross.

Bartell's will again be sponsoring the clinic and providing the vaccines. As they did last year, Bartell's will bill those with insurance and provide the shots free to anyone without coverage.

The Health Ministry will be providing healthy snacks and gifts for the kids.

In addition, this year we will have a special visitor for the kids, (and hesitant adults too) Rohan the Therapy Dog.

Apocalypse and Ecology: Is This the End of the World?



Join us at this public lecture, sponsored by a coalition of Lutheran and Catholic congregations in Pierce County.

ON THE SAME WEEKEND AT ST. MARK'S

October 12 9:00-10:30 a.m. Breakfast and Conversation

Join Dr. Rossing for a time of learning and sharing around the "Tree of Life" theme in scripture. There is no cost for the meal.

Dr. Rossing, who is professor of New Testament at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, has lectured and preached widely and has published several books, including "The Rapture Exposed" and "Apocalyptic Hope for Today".

WHAT SHE SAW CHANGED EVERYTHING

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OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH

Save the Date for our movie screening of

UNPLANNED 7:00 p.m., October 11TH at St. Patrick Parish Center. Childcare will be provided.

Youth K through 5[™] Grade **Interested in Scouts?** Contact Jaremy Brown at: 407-766-5445 or jaremybrown@hotmail.com

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Create a fun, new tradition with L'Arche Saturday, October 12 St. Leo Church -Bichsel Hall 710 S. 13th Street 6:30 pm - 10:00 pm Tickets \$65 Purchase at LarcheTahomaHope.org/LarcheFest

FAITH FORMATION

CORNERSTONE CONFERENCE Coming Together FOR LIFE & JUSTICE



Register now at: WACatholics.org

CORNERSTONE CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

Register now for the Cornerstone Catholic Conference. Pricing is \$100 per person with \$65 for young adults (under 30).

The Cornerstone Catholic Conference will be held on October 18 and 19 at the Tacoma Convention Center!

This is an excellent opportunity for Catholics to gather together, to deepen their relationships with God, with each other, and with the world around them. It's also a great chance to meet our new Coadjutor Archbishop Paul Etienne!

Other speakers include Bishop Frank J. Caggiano (Bishop of Bridgeport), Sister Miriam James, SOLT and Sister Norma Pimentel, MJ (Executive Director of Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley).

Relevant workshops will be held on: • Family prayer • Embracing respect for human life • Implementing 'Laudato Si' (care for our common home) in your community • PREPARES – support for pregnant mothers and young families

For more information or to register, visit: WACatholics.org/Cornerstone.

YOUTH CONFIRMATION

Preparation for the Sacrament of Youth Confirmation begins in the fall and is open to all 8TH - 12TH graders.

Starting in 2020-2021, the sacrament will be available to students in 7TH grade.

Therefore, all high school students wishing to be confirmed should register for the sacramental prep program this year.

8TH grade students are also strongly encouraged to sign up

REGISTRATION IS OPEN ONLINE GO TO OUR WEBSITE AND LOOK UNDER SACRAMENTS! Questions? Contact Anna & Joe Skillman at: confirmation@saintpats.org

CATHECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

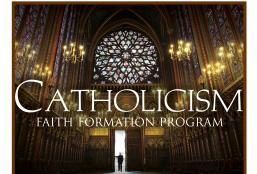


The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a Christian education process for children 3 to 12 years old. In the prepared environment, the atrium, the children grow in the knowledge of Jesus and his love. Today CGS can be found in many liturgical traditions (Episcopal, Lutheran, Methodist and Roman Catholic) There are atria in all 50 states and 37 countries!

> For more information contact kward@saintpats.org or 253-383-2783 ext. 4108

BULLETIN LIST OF THE SICK & NAMES FOR THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

If you would like to have the name of a loved one placed on the sick list in the bulletin and mentioned in the Prayers of the Faithful, please contact St. Patrick Parish Center at: 253-383-2783. After three weeks, please contact the Parish Office again to have the name continued. When prayers are no longer needed, please notify the office to have the name removed from the list.



JOURNEY AROUND THE WORLD AND DEEP INTO THE FAITH

DATE, TIMES & LOCATION:

DATES

Thursdays, September 5 - November 14 [No session on October 31]

TIME 6:30 - 8:30 PM [coffee & dessert provided]

LOCATION Saint Patrick Catholic Church Parish Center Building 1001 North J Street | Tacoma, WA 98403

COST / REGISTRATION:

FREE

RSVPs appreciated so we can prepare refreshments & materials

LAURIE PEARSON Faith Formation Commission Member catholicism@saintpats.org 253.383.2783

COMMUNION AND LIBERATION

Communion and Liberation will host a weekly School of Community at 7:00 p.m. on Thursdays, at St. Patrick Parish center starting October 3RD.

CL is a movement in the Church founded by the late Monsignor Luigi Giussani that proposes the relevance of the Incarnation to the deepest needs of the heart in all areas of life.

Popes Francis, Benedict XVI, and John Paul II have praised CL's work in fostering a culture of encounter with Christ.

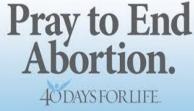
For more information visit: english.clonline.org or email Toby D'Anna at: toby.danna@gmail.com.

More about Communion and Liberation

Communion and Liberation, in its essence, is a proposal for education in the Catholic faith. It is an education that doesn't end at a certain age, but lasts a lifetime because it is always being renewed and deepened. The same is true of the Gospel, which reveals new discoveries even after we've heard it a thousand times.

The same is true in the experience of love, of artistic creativity, and in the simplicity of everyday life. The search for what is true, beautiful, and good, and for happiness is never-ending. This is Christianity: the adventure of life, not a kind of training for life.

COME TO MASS AND RECEIVE A BLESSING Sunday, September 22ND, 7:00 p.m. St. Patrick Church



For questions or to get involved: tacoma40daysforlife@gmail.com

CONFIRMATION AT ST. CHARLES

Preparation sessions for Confirmation of both High School Students and those in 7th Grade will begin in January 2020 and conclude prior to Easter.

This is a home centered program of 10 dialogue sessions with parents based on the topics of the Nicene Creed which we pray every Sunday.

In addition to a registration session and 3 group sessions there will be a retreat.

According to the Bishops schedule the Sacrament of Confirmation will take place sometime after Easter.

The goal of the Confirmation program at St Charles is threefold: Assist the Confirmandi in developing a Christ centered vision of life. Identify and strengthen the skills needed to persevere in living as Christ taught. Know how to connect with their

UPCOMING RETREATS OFFERED AT THE PALISADES RETREAT CENTER



OCTOBER 4 - 6 Meditating Day and Night: Be Still and Know. Silent Lay Carmelite Retreat Fr. Christopher LaRocca, OCD

OCTOBER 11 - 13

Beginning Experience: Listen, Accompany, Heal A weekend away to deal with the pain of losing a spouse by death, divorce or separation. The Beginning Experience Team of Western Washington

OCTOBER 18 - 20 Betrothed: A Preparation for the Sacrament of Marriage. A Retreat for Engaged Couples Fred & Anne Janssen, Fernand & Debra Ricard

NOVEMBER 8 - 10 Awaken

Young Adult Silent Retreat Fr. Jewel Aytona, CPM

To register or for more information, visit: http://palisadesretreatcenter.org

WHAT IS ALPHA AND WHO IS IT FOR?

companions on the journey of life.

Alpha is a place to explore life's big questions, to say what you think and to hear other people's points of view.

The ALPHA course is an eleven-week journey exploring some of the central questions of the Christian faith.

Is there more to life than this? Who is Jesus? How can I have faith? Why and how should I pray? How does God guide us? What does the Holy Spirit do? And many more....

Alpha is perfect for people who might not consider themselves Christian or even religious, yet it can also be of great benefit for people who may have been around Christianity for a while and are looking for something more.

The basic format for ALPHA is a shared meal, followed by a video presentation and small group discussion.

Where could ALPHA take you? Do you know someone who might be interested in ALPHA? A co-worker who is curious about the faith? A family member who is away from the Church? A friend who might be open to attend an ALPHA course with you? Consider giving ALPHA a try! Invite someone to join you. With 8,760 hours in a year, why not take just 22 of those hours to explore some of life's most important questions regarding God, faith and meaning?

Tuesday nights at 6:30 p.m. in the Holy Cross Social Hall.

Dinner is free, please register so we can plan for food. Come & See! No pressure. No follow up. No charge.

It takes many hands to run an Alpha.

We are in need of more volunteers to help with childcare (Tuesdays 6-8:30 p.m.); set up (Tuesdays 10 -11:30 a.m.); and kitchen crew (5:00/6:00-9:00 p.m.). We are also looking for help with food prep.

If you have experience cooking for large groups or just enjoy cooking, your talent and assistance would be greatly appreciated. Whether you can commit to just one night, the remaining ten or somewhere in between, we have a job for you!

Please contact either Peggy Gagliardi at: 253-564-6660 or Kevin Lovejoy at: 253-274-4101 Thank you!

YOUTH MINISTRY + FAITH FORMATION PRESENT

ALL CREATURES GREAT & small

featuring REPTILE MAN Scott Peterson

with live reptiles & teaching the importance of animals in nature

OCTOBER 5, 2019

5 PM | MASS

6 PM | TACO DINNER 7 PM | REPTILE MAN

SAINT PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH 1123 North J Street | Tacoma, WA

In celebration of the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, bring your pet's personal item or photo of your pet to Mass for a blessing.

After Mass, join us for dinner and meet Reptile Man, hold a snake & get acquainted with reptiles-- if you dare!

donations graciously accepted

QUESTIONS? YOUTH@SAINTPATS.ORG | 253-383-2783

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YOUTH MINISTRY



Middle School Youth Group is for students in grades 6 - 8.

High School Youth Group is for students in grades 9 - 12.

Youth Group serves students from the Tacoma parishes of Saint Patrick Catholic Church Saint Rita of Cascia Catholic Church Holy Cross Catholic Church St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church

All are always welcome.

U H E R E

Saint Patrick Catholic Church 1123 North J Street Tacoma, WA 98403

Parish Center

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STAY CONNECTED

YOUTH MINISTERS

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YOUTH NIGHTS

SUNDAYS | 5 - 7 PM*

2019 Sept 8 | KICK OFF NIGHT Sept 15 | 22 | 29 Oct 5 | 13 | 20 Nov 3 | 10 | 17 | 24 Dec 8 | 15 *folllowed by Mass at 7 PM 2020 Jan 5 | 12 | 26 Feb 9 | 23 Mar 8 | 15 | 22 | 29 Apr 19 | 26 May 3 | 10 | 17 Jun 14

SERVICE

Oct 13 | **Blessing Bags** Nov | date TBD | **L'Arche Tacoma Hope** Dec 21 | **Nursing Home Caroling** Jan | **Pregnancy Resource Drive** Feb 13 | **Valentine's Dinner @St. Patrick Church** Mar | date TBD | **Spring Cleaning**

SUNDAY SOCIAL HOUR after 9 AM and/or 11 AM Mass

2019 | Sept 15 | Oct 27 2020 | Jan 12 | Mar 22 | May 17 | Jun 28

SPECIAL EVENTS

Oct 5 | **All Things Great & Small** Pet Blessing | Mass | Dinner | Reptile Man

Nov 23 | Harvest Dinner for Parents

Nov 24 | Turkey Bowling

- Dec 21 | Elf Movie & Spaghetti Dinner
- Jan 21 | March for Life in Olympia, WA
- Feb 1 | Mass & Adoration

Feb 26 | Ash Wednesday Mass & Soup Supper

Mar 1 | Snow Excursion

HOLY WEEK

Tenebrae Service | Apr 8 | 7 PM

Last Supper Dinner | Apr 9 | 5 PM

The Passion Movie | Apr 10 | 7 PM

Apr 19 | Sung Divine Mercy Chaplet | 3 PM

Jun 14 | Messy Wars



Middle School Students Oct 25 - 27 May 29 - 31

High School Students Jan 24 - 26

HAPPENING AT SAINT PATRICK

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Mondays, 3:00 - 6:45 p.m. in the St. Patrick Parish Center Chapel.

NEW DAILY MASS TIMES

Mondays: Communion Service at 8:00 a.m.

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays: Mass at 8:00 am

Thursdays : Mass with our school children at 9:00 a.m.



JOIN US SUNDAY EVENING FOR 7:00 P.M. MASS AT ST. PATRICK

Our Sunday Evening Mass has returned. If you would like to serve as an Extraordinary Minister, usher, sacristan or lector for this Mass, please contact Laura at: 253-383-2783 ext. 4109.

ALTAR TRAINNING DATE CHANGE

Sunday, October 13^{TH} at 12:15 p.m. in the Church. 5^{TH} graders and older.

THANK YOU

St. Patrick Parishioners -

Once again we want to thank everyone who so generously continues to donate to our organization.

We feel very blessed to have your ongoing support. The Staff of Pregnancy Aid

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

St. Patrick offers two Adult Bible Study groups.

The New Testament Group meets at the Parish Center the 1^{ST} & 3^{RD} Monday at 7:00 p.m.

The Old Testament Group meets at the Parish Center the $2^{ND} \& 4^{TH}$ Monday at 7:00 p.m.

Bring a bible and join in!

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY DISBANDING

St. Patrick Prayer Shawl Ministry Group will no longer be meeting. Donated prayer shawls will still be accepted at the Parish Office, and those needing a prayer shawl can still get them at the Parish Office.

There is also yarn available for anyone who wishes to make one. For those who would like to get together with others to work on their project there are two other groups in our connected parishes.

The first Saturday of the month at 10:30 a.m. at Holy Cross. The second Friday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at St. Rita.

CHILDRENS LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) is back!

If you're interested in supporting this program as a leader one Sunday a month please contact Laura in the Parish Office. We provide all the training you need to open up the Word with our youngest parishioners.

ST. LEO'S FOOD CONNECTION

Thank you parishioners for your generous and continued support of our ongoing food drive, benefitting St. Leo's Food Connection. We are now collecting: Peanut Butter, Canned Meat and Baby Food and Formula Please place all donations in the baskets in the vestibule or gathering space of the church.

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

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

PANCAKE BREAKFAST



The Knights of Columbus will be

Flíppíng Flapjacks

Sunday, September 29TH after both Masses. Come for breakfast and let the KC's do the cleanup!

After breakfast pop into the library and get your Free Flue Shot sponsored by Bartels!

OUR SUNDAY COLLECTION

The reporting of our weekly contributions is being revised by our Finance Council, stay tuned for a new reporting format, coming soon. Please go to our website at: www.saintpats.org Click on the Donate/Online giving button. THAT'S IT!

ON LINE GIVING IS EASY!

SAINT PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH



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

HAPPENING AT HOLY CROSS

CONFIRMATION PREP

Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation is open to all 8^{TH} to 12^{TH} graders. Please see the Faith Formation page for more information.

OUTREACH / FOOD BANK

We meet Tuesdays from 8:00 to 9:30 a.m. in the Religious Education building. We also meet Mondays after 9:00 a.m. Mass to take the food from the blue barrels to the food bank store. If you are interested in helping please call Carol Ringrose at: 253-318-3383. Please donate canned chicken and canned soup with pop top lids.

Thank you for your generous response.

CHAIRITABLE CRAFTING GROUP

Saturday, October 5^{TH} , at 10:30 a.m. in the Bride's Room of the Parish Hall.

You are welcome to bring your works in progress, any completed projects you wish to donate and a beverage. Questions? Call Winona at: 253-223-9182.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Registration is open for Sacraments of First Reconciliation & First Communion.

This program is for your children 7 years of age or in the 2ND grade for the 2019-2020 school year who participated in faith formation this year such as Catholic School, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Family Religious Education.

> For registration please go to www.holycross-tacoma.org Sacraments and then Eucharist .

PLEASE DISREGARD INVITATION

If you received an invitation from Fr. John Renggli for brunch, please disregard the invitation. He is not able to entertain at this time. Thank you

HOLY CROSS RUMMAGE

Our volunteers meet every Tuesday from 10:00 - 2:00 p.m. in the rummage building behind the Rectory on North 43rd street.

If you are interested in helping please drop by and check us out.

PERPETUAL ADORATION AT HOLY CROSS

LECTOR, ALTAR SERVER & EUCHARISTIC MINISTER

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 28, 5:30 p.m. Lectors: Shelley Miles & Floyd Cummings Eucharistic Ministers: Jan Stauffer, Lenn & Nancy Doran Choir: Joan Pirolo Altar Servers: Elodie & Aubrey

September 29, 10:00 a.m.

Lectors: Steve Cano & Dianne Manley Eucharistic Ministers: Sarina Caon, Elisa Cano, Irene Manalili Choir: Jan Smurro Altar Servers: Steve Mullen

SAFE ENVIRONMENT CLASS

September 26TH, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Sign up on line at virtusonline.org. Please meet in the parish hall for the class.

ONLINE GIVING

Please go to our website at: www.holycross-tacoma.org

Scroll down and **click on** the **telephone** indicating Online Giving.

Encounter the Lord outside of Mass in our Adoration Chapel, 24 hours a day! We currently need commitments for the following hours: To sign up call 253-759-3368 Sunday: 2-3 am / Tuesday: Midnight-1 am, 3-4 am, 4-5 am & 2-3 pm, 8-9 pm, 9-10 pm, / Wednesday: 2-3 am, / Friday: 2-3 am, 3-4 am / Saturday: Midnight-1 am, 1-2 am, 2-3 am, 10-11 pm, 11-Midnight

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS CELEBRATION

Thank you to the volunteers who helped set-up, stock and clean up for the celebration. It was a great success!!





HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH As a Roman Catholic parish in the Archdiocese of Seattle, we exist to offer every person in our community a life changing encounter with Jesus.

Holy Cross encourages all its parishioners to love God, love others, inspire hope and transform lives.

HAPPENING AT ST. RITA

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AT ST. RITA OF CASCIA

1st Friday of the month, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Spend time with the Lord

ON LINE GIVING

Haven't tried Online Giving? To set up an online account, visit: https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/1149 and follow instructions .

CALLED TO MINISTRY

Consider becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion once a month at St. Rita.

At this time we are in need of a Eucharistic Minister and two Ministers of the cup for the 3^{RD} Sunday of the month.

Any practicing Catholic who is confirmed is welcome to apply including Catholics registered in another Parish.

Please call Susan at 253-503-1871

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study will be held in the rectory every Wednesday at Noon.

Join us as we study the post exile prophets, taught by Sr. Pauline Igoe, OP

MARK THE DATE

On Friday, October 18TH we will once again be serving the community meal at Peace Lutheran Church.

If you are able to help please contact Pam at the Parish Office, or call 425-220-5044.

Any help you are able to give is welcome.

FUNERALS

To schedule a funeral or for questions related to death or dying, please call Father David or Laura Dougherty at: 253-383-2783.

ST. FRANCES SODALITY

We are an adult service organization that fosters a Christian community through prayer, charitable works, and supporting Catholic education through scholarships. We meet September through May on the fourth Tuesday of the month after Noon Mass.

> See Riley Smith, President.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

We are a service organization.

We serve dinner at Nativity House on the first Sunday of the month at Noon. We serve a pancake breakfast after the 7:30 a.m. Mass on the second Sunday of the month.

> For more information see Mark Lewis, President.



CRAFTERS

Join us in the rectory on the second Friday of the month at 6:30 p.m. for relaxation and fellowship.

Bring whatever project you are working on and a beverage.

Come join us!

ST. LEO'S FOOD CONNECTION BACKPACK PROGRAM

Thank you to everyone who so generously donated peanut butter and jelly over the summer.

We were able to donate to the St. Leo's Backpack Program 85 jars of peanut butter and jelly.

MARK THE DATE

Our annual Halloween Party will be on Thursday, October 31ST at 5:00 p.m. in the rectory. Join us for pizza and lots of fun.

HELP THE HOMELESS STAY WARM THIS WINTER

We are once again collecting gloves, scarves, sweaters, warm socks and coats for our less fortunate brothers and sisters. There will be a basket in the vestibule for all donations. Thank you for your generosity.

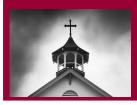
CALENDAR

Our monthly calendar is on our website, www.stritastacoma.org It is updated as events change.

Check it out -The latest information is just a click away!

OUR SUNDAY COLLECTION

We are working on the budget. As soon as we are finished we will update the collection results. Thank you.



ST. RITA OF CASCIA

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR ADVERTISER OF THE MONTH

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Please patronize our advertisers & tell them you're from St. Rita!



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.

SCRIP

SAINT PATRICK

CATHOLIC

CHURCH & SCHOOL

We are excited to announce that 110 families registered for Scrip.

Congratulations to the winner of our \$50 Scrip card raffle -The Scott Family!

What is Scrip? Shop with gift cards in everyday categories, including groceries, gas, restaurants and more. A percentage of each gift card purchased goes directly to our school, raising money for our needs with no soliciting or selling.

If you have not completed and returned your 2019 - 2020 Scrip Intent Form *do it today*!

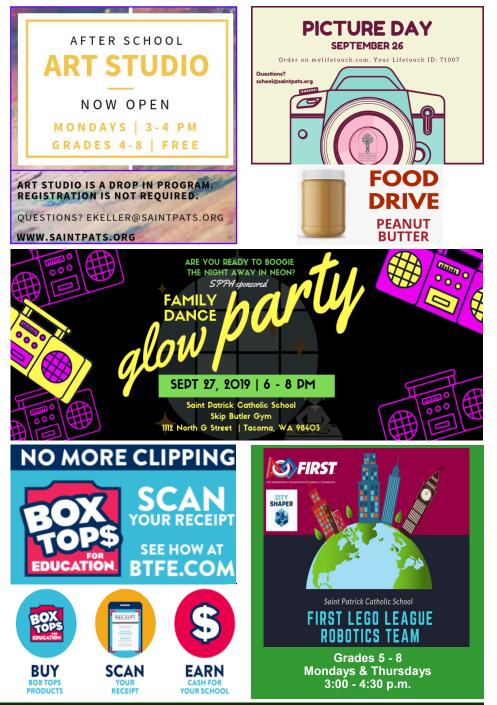
All families must either register for Scrip or buy out of the program by October.



SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED

St. Patrick Catholic School is looking for caring individuals to join our substitute teacher pool. A teaching background is not necessary. As long as you have a college degree we can help you obtain an emergency substitute certificate through the State of Washington.

If you are interested in helping us in our mission of nurturing an abiding Catholic faith, while pursuing academic excellence, please contact Barbara Bolanos via email at: bbolanos@saintpats.org or call (253) 272-2297 ext. 4133



OVER A CENTURY OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE IN THE CATHOLIC TRADITION

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

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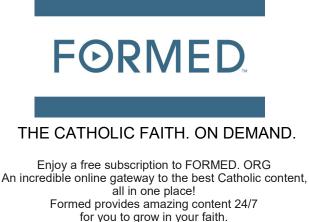
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wordonfire.org Word on Fire utilizes the resources of the Roman Catholic tradition in order to explain and interpret the event of Jesus Christ.



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