

"The Lord will bless his people with peace" Psalm 29

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Epiphany Blessing at Deacon Dennis' home

We Are Called To Be People Of Hope!

Dear Sisters and Brothers In Christ,

The horrendous and deadly riot at the U.S. Capitol this week has brought shame to our nation. What happened in the halls of Congress was despicable, and the perpetrators and instigators must be brought to justice. No matter who they are. The head of the U.S. Bishops released this statement on Wednesday:

"I join people of good will in condemning the violence today at the United States Capitol. This is not who we are as Americans. I am praying for members of Congress and Capitol staff and for the police and all those working to restore order and public safety. The peaceful transition of power is one of the hallmarks of this great nation. In this troubling moment, we must recommit ourselves to the values and principles of our democracy and come together as one nation under God. I entrust all of us to the heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary. May she guide us in the ways of peace, and obtain for us wisdom and the grace of a true patriotism and love of country." - Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles, President of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

As people of faith, we are called to be a people of hope and to proclaim Christ in all situations. Let the events of this past week not allow us to slip into despair, but motivate us to work harder for justice and peace in these troubled times.

Peace...

Dcn. Dennis Kelly Pastoral Coordinator

Sunday Online Mass Schedule

Mass will be hosted LIVE at 10:30 AM online via <u>Facebook</u>*

* As an alternative to Facebook, you NOW can also attend Mass by joining the Hospitality Zoom meeting <u>here</u>. Join at 10:30 AM for Mass and then enjoy Hospitality immediately following Mass!

Or find the Mass via <u>YouTube</u> (Masses posted within 24 hrs.)

ZOOM LINKS CAN BE FOUND BY CLICKING ON WORD ZOOM TO OPEN



The Year of Eucharist

Archbishop Paul D. Etienne invites everyone to celebrate the Year of the Eucharist. Started last June during the pandemic, the Archbishop said, "During the coming year, I ask every Catholic and every parish community to commit themselves to deepening our understanding and experience of the Eucharist and strengthening our Eucharistic liturgies."

More resources and communication will be shared in the coming weeks to take a closer look at the presence of the Eucharist in our lives. In the meantime, here are 12 New Year's Eucharistic resolutions suggested in a recent article in Northwest Catholic. You can access the article <u>here</u>.

Poinsettia Pick Up

We will be taking the Christmas decor down on Sunday, January 10th after Mass. As a friendly reminder to all those who generously donated the poinsettias, you can pick up your plants after Mass, as well as anyone else who would like one!



Sacrament of Baptism

As Pope Benedict XVI notes in Deus Caritas Est (God Is Love), the celebration of the sacraments and the ministry of love are "inseparable." Love in action, he says, is "an indispensable expression" of the Church's being (no. 25). This guide (linked <u>here</u>)



focuses on the Sacrament of Baptism, the rite of initiation into the Christian community.

As you read, consider the meaning of your own Baptism, your membership in the community, and the mission on which you are sent.

If you would like your child baptized, please contact Laura in the parish office (laura@stpatrickseattle.org).

Return of Wednesday Movie Night!

"From Jesus to Christ: The First Christians" tells the epic story of the rise of Christianity. The four hours explore the life and death of Jesus, and the men and women whose belief, conviction, and martyrdom created the



religion we now know as Christianity. We plan on viewing Part 1 on Wednesday, January 13th and Part 2 the following Wednesday, January 20th.

For more detailed information on the series you can read more information **<u>here</u>**. Join us on Wednesday, January 13th for Part 1 and again on Wednesday the 20th for Part 2 at 7 PM on **<u>Zoom</u>**.

Message from Susan Saini

Dear St. Pat's community,

Almost nine years have passed since I first came to work for St. Pat's and I've had the pleasure to meet and get to know many of you over the years, for which I am grateful.

I will take many memories with me, but a few stand out:



When I requested permission to allow Sally, my puppy therapy-dog-intraining to come to work with me, JoAn, who wasn't the biggest fan of large dogs agreed. I like to think Sally grew on JoAn. Each morning she would make a beeline for JoAn's office, and it warmed my heart to hear her say, "Oh, hi Sally!"

Sally adored Fr. Pat. She always seemed to know when he was in his office and would run upstairs to say hello. He and Sally were as thick as thieves when it came to contraband treats, but I would never come between them.

Sally was also very fond of Dick Tosdale, who always had a cheery word for her, and allowed her to "help" him with his St. Vincent de Paul paperwork!

I have wonderful memories of attending the women's retreat and how I was so warmly welcomed into that group of women, most of whom I knew only by name.

When I lost my mother to cancer earlier this year, and when another loved one died in November 2020 several of you reached out by card and email offering your condolences. I was touched, thank you.

There are a few people in particular I would like to recognize. George Keefe, former finance council member, kept me on my toes during Finance Council meetings. He was always the last to leave because he wanted to see that I made it to my car in the dark.

Jo Anne Felton, office volunteer extraordinaire for all the hours she put in at the parish office and for sending thoughtful notes and cards to my mother during her illness. Mom always thought Jo Anne had the nicest handwriting!

Kathleen Berry, our kind and thoughtful collection counting lead. I appreciate your tireless commitment to this ministry. I will fondly remember the stories you told of living in my neighborhood when you were

a child, especially about the ice cream shop and open air produce market!

Finally, thank you JoAn Choi, Fr. Pat, Laura Ash, and Dcn. Dennis Kelly for your support and friendship over the years. I love you.

My path is leading me to work in end of life and grief care. I completed training as an end of life doula in 2019, and now that 2020 is behind us, I'm looking forward to seeing where I am led in 2021 and beyond. My website, <u>https://www.eolcoachseattle.com/</u> will contain a blog, videos, book recommendations and more content in the coming weeks and months. If I can ever be of service, I would be honored.

I wish you all the best.

Namaste, Susan Saini

Continuing Engagement Opportunities

We encourage you to attend Sunday hospitality immediately after St. Patrick Mass at 10:30 AM. Hospitality will be hosted by Betsey Beckman and Sandy Tennyson via **ZOOM** around 11:30 AM.

Join Fr. Hersey and me for <u>Coffee and Conversation</u> on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 AM.

Dr. David and Ruth Ard host a weekly scripture study group, **Breaking Open The Word** on Wednesday afternoons at 5 PM.

Alternatively, join a virtual small Women's group, <u>Encountering God</u>, who gather online on Thursdays at 11 AM. This is a sixty minute women's reflection group led by Lisa Dennison and Deanna Tighe.

Please email <u>Deanna Tighe</u> if you have questions about these events or ideas on other ways you would like to engage.

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