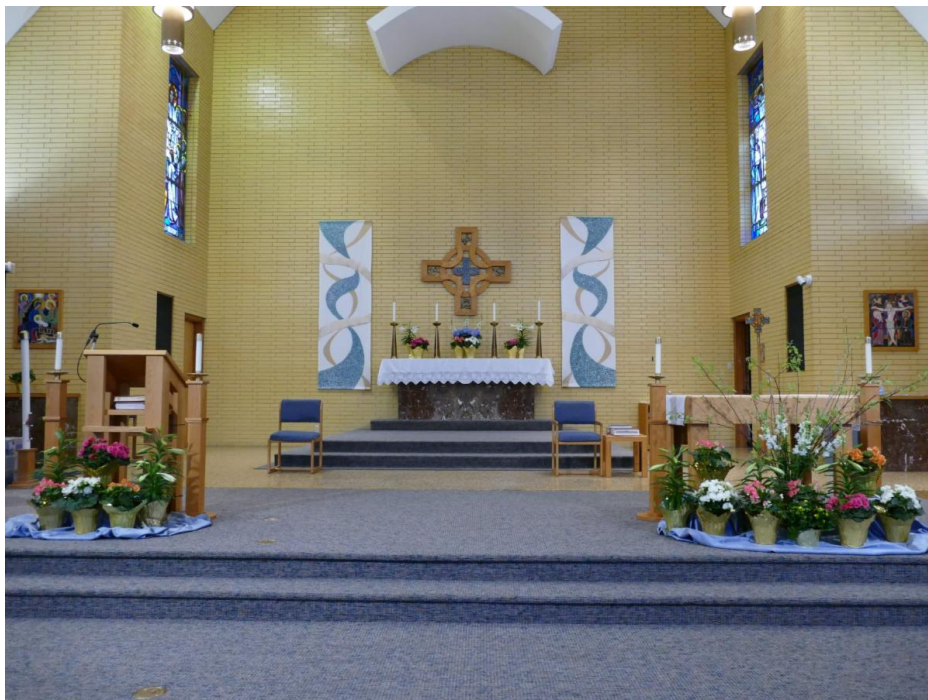




**"The stone rejected by
the builders has
become the
cornerstone"
- Psalm 118**

[Register for Public Mass Here!](#)



Easter season beauty (thank you Sandy!)

“Amen, Amen, Amen!!!”

Dear Sisters and Brothers In Christ,

I found myself getting quite emotional watching the George Floyd murder verdicts read live on TV this week. The video of the black man murdered before our very eyes by a white police officer last May replayed in my mind's eye. On Tuesday, justice was served. Thank you, Jesus, for hearing the cries of the poor. But this is only a start in a process of police reform needed to ensure racial justice in this country. As I shared with a dear friend, I pray this will lead to meaningful change to the tactics used by law enforcement, and how officers are recruited, screened, and trained. I also pray this is a turning point in a movement toward zero

tolerance of bad cops by good cops. I know many good cops. And I know they are tired of these bad apples tarnishing their hard work to protect and to serve. Our African American brothers and sisters should never fear seeing blue lights in their rearview mirror. They should never have to give their children “the talk.” The time has come to change how one race is treated by law enforcement and our system of justice. The time is now for that change. And we each need to become advocates so this change becomes a reality. This is what Jesus would want us to do. Can I hear an Amen?

Peace...

Dcn. Dennis Kelly
Pastoral Coordinator

Sunday Online Mass Schedule

Mass will be hosted LIVE at 10:30 AM online via [Facebook](#) *

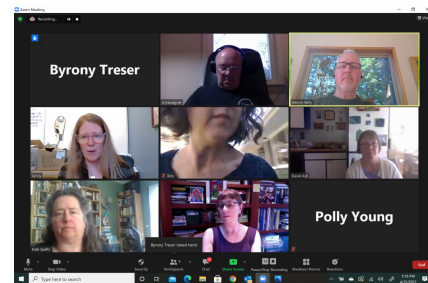
*** As an alternative to Facebook, you NOW can also attend Mass by joining the Hospitality Zoom meeting [here](#). Join at 10:30 AM for Mass and then enjoy Hospitality immediately following Mass!**

Or find the Mass via [YouTube](#)
(Masses posted within 24 hrs.)

Important Parish Update

Since the Archdiocese delivered the news on April 11 of the future closing of our parish, we know there has been much grief, anger, sadness, despair, and a sense of loss. There have also been many questions and desires for answers and accountability. We share these same emotions, desires, and questions with you. On April 19, a group of representatives and advocates of St. Pat's met with Archdiocesan staff and Bishop Mueggenborg to open the door to heart-felt and challenging dialogue that provides our community with a voice and an opportunity to be heard. Future meetings are being developed and the St. Pat's advocates have been proactive in compiling questions and seeking transparency in this process. This Sunday, April 25, immediately after Mass, you will hear from our representatives about the action steps that have been taken thus far, the questions that have been submitted to the Archdiocese and how and why these were selected, and how we are working to further engage our community in the struggle to create and envision the future we as a community want. We are submitting a timeline to the Archdiocese for the most urgent and pressing questions to be answered. Once we have more answers, we will be engaging the entire parish in a listening session to help further guide our next steps. Our strength in the community remains our greatest gift and together we move forward.

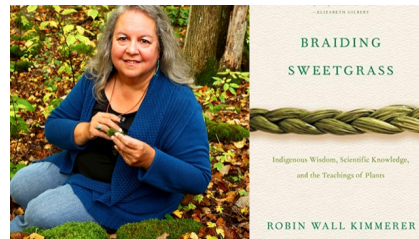
The St. Patrick Advocates (formerly the Stakeholders)



This year's Earth Day program theme is "Restore Our Common Home", a theme that addresses how as people of faith we must urgently act to not only protect but restore God's beautiful gift of creation. The one-hour educational and prayer program is the perfect way for our families, parishes, schools, and religious communities to prepare for the Vatican's launch of the Laudato Si' Action Platform in May 2021. You can access a wealth of resources [HERE](#).

Wednesday Movie Night

We have a special presentation for the next St Pat's Movie Night: a lecture by Dr. Robin Wall Kimmerer the author of the best-selling and universally acclaimed book "Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants." This was an event, (April 21) in the Seattle Arts & Lectures series: "Women You Need to Know" (WYNK). The lecture was followed by a conversation with Dr. Christina Roberts, who is an Associate Professor of English at Seattle University and the inaugural director of the Indigenous Peoples Institute (IPI).



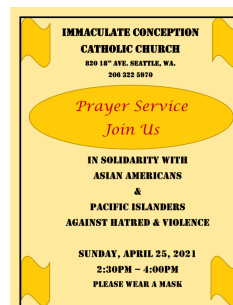
I'll provide just one line from one of the many glowing reviews of Dr. Kimmerer's book: "Robin Wall Kimmerer has written an extraordinary book, showing how the factual, objective approach of science can be enriched by the ancient knowledge of the indigenous people. It is the way she captures beauty that I love the most—the images of giant cedars and wild strawberries, a forest in the rain and a meadow of fragrant sweetgrass will stay with you long after you read the last page."—Jane Goodall

Now, here is the tricky part: Seattle Arts & Lectures (SAL) has a "Pay-What-You-Can Pricing" policy for its events. SAL says: "To ensure that our online events are as available as possible, to the widest audience possible, we're putting it into patrons' hands to pay what they can for digital passes. Choose a ticket price, ranging from \$10 to \$100, based upon what feels right to you and the number of people who will be watching along with you." The most reasonable digital pass level is their "Student of Life Pass" for \$10. We cannot possibly collect contributions for our showing as the period for online purchases and access to the lecture ends next Wednesday. So, we must ask you to go to

<https://lectures.secure.force.com/ticket/#/instances/a0Ff400000GnuNZEAZ> and make the payment/contribution you wish. Making such payment will get you the password in order to be able to watch the lecture on your own (up to next Wednesday) if you wish. Everyone is welcome to join us next Wednesday for the showing, whether or not you can (or remember to) buy a digital pass. Collectively, we will contribute enough for the showing. So, join us, as usual, on [Zoom](#), 7 PM, Wednesday, April 28, <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87671456490?pwd=R09WSENPMWFwMndZRnFVZjJxZ3J2UT09>

Special Prayer Service Opportunity

All are welcome to attend a Prayer Service in Solidarity with our Asian Americans and Pacific Islander sisters and brothers this Sunday, April 25th at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 820 18th Avenue, Seattle, 98122, between 2:30 PM to 4 PM. In an environment of rising hatred targeting this community, this is an opportunity to stand with our sisters and brothers facing these injustices.



Supporting Nueva Trinidad's Pastor!

Fr. Miguel Vasquez is the pastor for our sister parish of Nueva Trinidad (and of neighboring parishes) in El Salvador. He has worked tirelessly for his flock for many years has recently experienced persecution for speaking out against voting irregularities in Nueva Trinidad and Arcatao. The result is that Fr. Miguel will need to leave his position as pastor this Summer. We want to support him by sending him cards and letters of encouragement during this trying time. Please consider writing a card or note (in English or Spanish) that you can bring to church and leave on the front table. We will mail them directly to him. **So far we have had over 20 parishioners bring or sign a card- THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

Sacred Encounters

Recently Christ Our Hope and St. Patrick Church launched the new Sacred Encounters ministry. This group of volunteers meets each Wednesday (11 AM- 1 PM) to walk the streets around downtown Seattle, building relationships with our unhoused sisters and brothers, and providing much-needed donations to those in need. The team is in need of supplies for this important outreach effort. The Amazon Wish List link can be found [HERE](#), should you wish to purchase donations and contribute to this ministry. Thank you.



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 Sandi Tennyson via [ZOOM \(Click HERE for link\)](#) around 11:30 AM.

Join Fr. Hersey and me for [Coffee and Conversation](#) 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 4 PM.

Alternatively, join a virtual small Women's group, [Encountering God](#), which gathers online on Thursdays at 11 AM. This is a sixty-minute women's reflection group led by Lisa Dennison and Deanna Tighe.

Join our Thursday Evening [Carbon Footprint Discussion Group](#) at 7 PM via Zoom.

There is an opportunity to join Games Night on the 1st and 3rd Saturday 6 PM - 8 PM each month. **The next event will be on May 1st.**

Please email [Deanna Tighe](#) if you have questions about these events or ideas on other ways you would like to engage.

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