



**"The Lord is my
shepherd; there is
nothing I shall want"**

- Psalm 23

Registration for Mass No Longer Required!



**Powerful rendition of St. Patrick community prayer
by Betsey and her friend Soyinka Rahim**

"It is important to prevent burnout."

Dear Sisters and Brothers In Christ,

There is no rest for the weary. Such is the case in ministry and in life sometimes. In this weekend's Gospel, we hear about the twelve who have just returned from an exhaustive mission. They are excited to share all the good news with Jesus. Jesus attempts to retreat with them to a quiet place for rest and reflection. But the crowds find them and their plans for downtime are upended. And so it goes with the ministry of Jesus and with our work life at times. We hear a lot in our culture these days about work/life balance. This is important to prevent burnout. Unfortunately, this pandemic has pushed many to the point of burnout. We need to encourage each other to find quiet time to recharge batteries so as to return renewed and refreshed. Yes, even in retirement we can spread ourselves too thin as we take on more and more projects. It is important to remember to keep an active prayer life, to carve out moments, hours, or even days to find the peace of

Christ in our lives.

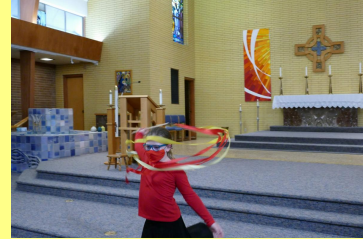
Peace...

Dcn. Dennis Kelly
Pastoral Coordinator

View all of Deacon Dennis homilies by [clicking here](#)

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.)

Sunday Readings:

(You can also access them [here](#))

First Reading Jer 23:1-6; Psalm 23; Second Reading Eph 2:13-18; Gospel Mark Mk 6:30-34

Important Parish Update

Thank you so much for your prayers this week for my meeting with Archbishop Etienne and Bishop Mueggenborg. The two bishops along with Strategic Planning Director Leigh Stringfellow met with me for two hours on Tuesday and allowed me to walk through all of the concerns of the community.



They agreed no decisions would be made at this week's meeting.

The Archbishop was a concerned listener and asked many questions. Bishop Mueggenborg responded to most of the questions and concerns after I presented these facts:

- our frustrations over the parish community not being a part of the overall discernment process prior to the Bishop's letter concerning our future (merger decision) and missing other steps in their own process for these matters
- the reality about the South Seattle Deanery Plan (pairing with COH and shared leadership – not closure) and frustrations of Fr. Mike Ryan about the representation that the deanery was consulted when it was not
- details of our growth over the past 18-months (15 new households)
- the THEMES from our listening session

- details of our financial stability
- the many concerns of the deaf, deaf/blind and L'Arche communities (infrastructure in place such as vibrating crosswalks leading to St. Patrick Church, L'Arche being born from the St. Patrick community, the parish communities longtime commitment to the marginalized not served in other parishes, etc.)
- concern about no permanent pastoral leader at St. Joseph's to even have a meaningful discussion about our future if we were to consider merger as a community with this parish
- Advocates' challenges with Leigh Stringfellow leading this process due to her comments about St. Pat's pending closure in May 2019

The Archbishop asked for time to discern our concerns and consider the next steps. I will talk more about the meeting after this Sunday's Mass.




If you have not sent a letter to the Archbishop, now would be a good time to do so. Please email letters to Archbishop Etienne's assistant Angela Kison (angela.kison@seattlearch.org).

My prayer is the creativity that comes from the Holy Spirit will guide the Archbishop as he discerns the proper and compassionate next steps for our community. Please continue to pray for this community and for our Archbishop and the strategic planning team that they will be guided by the creativity of the Holy Spirit in offering an acceptable resolution to our parish situation.

Catholic News

The Catholic bishop of Syracuse, New York, is speaking out against the Doctrine of Discovery and revealing plans to ask Pope Francis to repudiate theological teachings used for centuries to justify the subjugation of Indigenous peoples. For more information please review the following article [HERE](#).



<p>Hear Me! Stand With Me!</p>   <p>A program by Paths to Understanding and Northwest Interfaith.</p>	
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Courageous Conversations

8 Jews and Muslims in Dialogue
Engaging those we "Other" & Inviting an active partnership.

"You might be surprised to learn that this program is controversial. Not because people doubt the fact that anti-Muslim and anti-Jewish attitudes exist in our country but because some American Jews and Muslims are challenged even to share the same platform to discuss their common dilemma. Their distrust runs that deep—and most of it is based on misperceptions of the other community's position on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

"And that is precisely why we are bravely putting these two communities on the same program: first, to demonstrate the problems each group is facing, and second, to highlight how some local Jews and Muslims are working together across the divide that separates them. Attempting to build bridges of understanding is what Northwest Interfaith is all about. We strive to bring people together across religious backgrounds and spiritual traditions for multifaith collaboration and compassionate works for justice in the world."

-Rabbi Anson Laytner

Here is why you don't want to miss this special and timely event - Imam Jamal Rahman

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fSyc47oY8Eg> For more information log on here: www.northwestinterfaith.org/events. Registration is open [HERE](#).

Looking for Ways to Serve Our Community?

Jesuit Volunteer EnCorps, a program of JVC Northwest, facilitates fulfilling opportunities for service, community, and spiritual formation for adults 50+ who are committed to social and ecological justice. In addition to part-time volunteer service, members meet monthly online or in-person, creating spiritual community through shared reflection. Our values are rooted in the Catholic Ignatian tradition, and JV EnCorps is an inclusive and welcoming community of folks from all faith perspectives.

Already engaged in service through your parish ministry or a local nonprofit organization? JV EnCorps could be the perfect way for you to add additional support, reflection, and personal growth to your current volunteer service.

Learn more about what JV EnCorps service is like:

- [JV EnCorps Spotlight: Patty Christopher \(Bend, OR\)](#)
- [JV EnCorps Letter: Jay Lyman \(Portland, OR\)](#)

Priority application deadline: August 31, 2021. Opening Retreat in September. For more info and to apply, visit www.jvencorps.org.



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Save The Date!

The forum "How to Have a Good Death" had been planned for March 2020 but never presented. Organizers (Sandi Tennyson, Elaine Clark, Laura Ash) have set the date of **October 24, 2021** (Sunday afternoon) to try again. Mark your calendar.

Note, there is no Games Night this week. A new schedule for August and beyond is currently being developed. More information to come in future weeks.

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 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.

A new **Games Night** schedule is being developed for August and beyond. More information to come in the coming weeks.

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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