



Registration for Mass No Longer Required!



Another picture of R.J. and deaf-blind interpreter Eric Scheir from the recent Seattle Times article

"All Are Welcome!"

Dear Sisters and Brothers In Christ,

One of my favorite stories from our time at Christ Our Hope and St. Patrick was an incident that happened early in our tenure. At a Sunday morning Mass in the fall of 2019, we had a guy experiencing homelessness sitting quietly in the back of Christ Our Hope Church during Mass. At one point, he walked over to the baptismal font, put his face in the water, slurped up a mouthful, and walked right up to the altar where Fr. Bryan was halfway through the Eucharistic Prayer. He puckered his mouth to spit the water at a shocked Fr. Bryan when I quietly said, "Hey brother, let's not do that." Instead, he spit the water at me then went back to his seat for the remainder of Mass. The part I love is that no one in our Church flinched or was shocked or jumped up to rush the guy out of the Church. I had my dousing and then we moved on. This is what the Letter of St. James is all about this week. This is how we live out our motto: All Are Welcome!

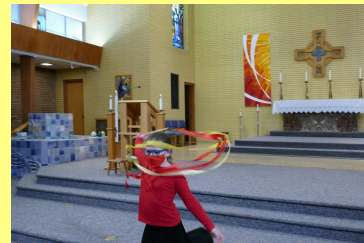
Peace...

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 [Is 35:4-7a](#); Psalm [146:6-7](#); Second Reading [Jas 2:1-5](#); Gospel [Mk 7:31-37](#)

Important Parish Update

Greetings from your St. Pat's Advocates who are charged with guiding our faith community through the process of transition mandated by the Archdiocese. We appreciate your patience as we are gathering information and having many discussions. As most of you know, Deacon Dennis met with Archbishop Etienne pleading our case to keep St. Pat's parish viable. The Archbishop denied our request to remain open past June 2022, but did allow that more time would be given for transition to either merge with Sacred Heart or St. Joseph parish. We still have not heard how long that extension will be and Deacon Dennis will ask the Archbishop for a clearer timeline for how much longer we can remain paired with Christ Our Hope before a merger begins.



In the meantime, the Advocates have been busy researching possibilities available to us. One option is to see how our parish might use legal recourse to remain open and four of the Advocates met with a Canon Law expert to hear about this possibility.

Here is what we learned:

- 1) The timeline for fighting this Archdiocesan decision could take 4-5 years and cost anywhere from \$50,000-\$100,000
- 2) If the community wishes to go down this road, we would need to have 4-5 parishioners named as appellants who would be willing to go the distance
- 3) The likelihood of success seems somewhat slim based on other cases this expert has handled

After meeting with the Canon law expert, the Advocates met as a whole and discussed this option thoroughly. None of the Advocates felt this was an option we wanted our parish to pursue. However, we certainly want to hear from our parish family how you are feeling about our future going forward.

At this time the Advocates are crafting a survey to get your feedback on options that we face and where you are most inclined to have us place our energy. We want to see where you stand on merging with Sacred Heart at Seattle Center, merging with St. Joseph, taking legal action, forming our own community outside of the Catholic Church, or what other options you see as possible. We hope to get this survey to you by next week.

We know this remains a tender time for our community and we, as your Advocates, remain committed to doing our very best to help you, our sisters and brothers in Christ, through this uncharted territory into our future. We will be listening to you and the Holy Spirit as we chart a way forward and ask for your continued prayers.

Thank you and God Bless,

The St. Pat's Advocates

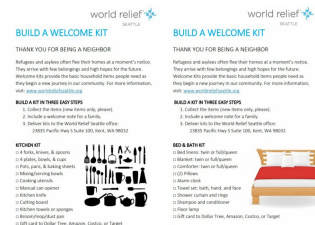
p.s. Follow the latest on St. Pat's future [HERE](#).

Quarterly Monthly Statements

"From the St. Pats office: The year-to-date quarterlies were emailed to all households on Wednesday, August 25th. The first emailing that was sent included incorrect information. Please see the second one that was emailed later on that day for the correct amounts. If yours comes in the mail, that will include the correct information. Thank you for your understanding!"

Project to help Afghan refugees

Join Portage Bay/Roanoke Park Community Council in helping put together some Welcome Kits that the World Relief Seattle is organizing for the Afghanistan refugees. There are specific items needed to help the families arriving in Seattle. If you would like to donate items you can find a list of much-needed items [HERE](#). Items can be sent to Sandy Kraus at 2839 Boyer Ave E, Seattle, WA 98102. Please email Sandy at sndkrs35@gmail.com if you place an order.



Book Review Invitation

Elaine Clarke cordially invites you to a discussion and book review on September 9th. Elaine shares: Within the past year, as St. Patrick's community has been dealing with our "situation", I've been drawn to re-read [**From Sand to Solid Ground \(Questions of Faith for Modern Catholics\) by Micheal Morwood \(2007\)**](#). A former missionary priest and faith educator from Australia, Morwood raises questions about faith/church that I relate to. In the late 1990s his writing was condemned by a conservative bishop: long story short, he left the priesthood. In 2008 Jim and I heard Morwood speak at a Call to Action event and each of us came away with a copy of Sand to Solid Ground book.

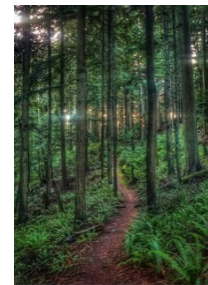
I've shared the book with Jan Thomas, and we are interested in having a conversation about it on Thursday, September 9th at 7 PM, via Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4426861398>. We invite you to join us. The book is available [online](#) for purchase. If you are interested in the ideas but lack time to read the book, Elaine will put together a synopsis within the next few

days, and add it to the comments on the CB. I believe St. Patrick community embodies the Good News (Pentecost experience) that Morwood describes.

In this time of peril, may our community, our loved ones and all who seek Truth in our contemporary understanding of the universe, find a way forward!" - Elaine Clarke

Care For Creation hike coming soon

Join St. Patrick community members on Labor Day, September 6th for a day hike through maple, cedar, hemlock, and Douglas-fir on the well-maintained Margaret's Way trail near Issaquah. Pit toilet at the trailhead, no other amenities or water. A busy out and back trail, our goal is to hike for ~1.5 hours outward up a gentle slope (possibly to a viewpoint), have lunch, and return to the trailhead.



Mindful of our carbon footprint, hikers have the option to use Metro's Trailhead Direct Service (every 30 minutes). From Mount Baker transit center, we aim to catch the bus departing at 8:44 AM, arrive at Margaret's Way Trailhead at 9:12 AM. We'll aim for a return trip departing from the trailhead at 2:12 PM, arriving back at Mount Baker station at 3:22 PM. Adult bus fare: \$2.75 each way. Options: a) Get to Mount Baker transit center on your own by 8:34 AM (light rail, bus, other); b) Meet at Elaine Clark's home by 7:55 AM to catch #48 bus to transit center; c) Meet at Margaret's Way trailhead by 9:15 AM.

Bring in your backpack: Mask (required on the bus), Water (a quart or more); Close-toed shoes or hiking boots, Hiking poles (optional); Ready to eat lunch and snacks, Rain gear, layered clothing, First aid items, Sun protection, Container for your trash.

Let Elaine Clark or Jo Anne Felton know of your intent to participate. Contact Jo Anne at jofltn@yahoo.com.

You can also view the digital event on Facebook [HERE](#) for those more technically inclined.

Wednesday Movie Night

We continue our Season of Creation theme for movies with "**Paris to Pittsburgh**", a 2018 documentary (<https://www.paristopittsburgh.com>). The title comes from a quote of Trump explaining his motive behind pulling out of the Paris Climate Agreement: "I was elected to represent Pittsburgh, not Paris." Ironically, the mayor of Pittsburgh immediately enforced that agreement in the city! The narrator (Emmy® and Golden Globe® Award-winning actress and activist Rachel Brosnahan, star of the hit series The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel) says about this movie: "Paris to Pittsburgh shines a light on the many forgotten communities and people who have been affected by climate change in our country, as well as solutions for how we can fight back and reduce our carbon footprint. I'm proud to be part of this poignant and powerful documentary, and admire the pro-active approach Bloomberg Philanthropies has taken with this project and this issue; we need meaningful change."



Join us next Wednesday, September 8th, at 7 PM on Zoom for viewing and discussion by clicking [HERE](#). We'll also review candidates for movies for the coming weeks leading up to the Feast of St Francis.

September 11th First Responder Mass



Join Archbishop Paul D. Etienne for the First Responders Mass on the 20th anniversary of 9/11. As our country marks twenty years since the terrorist attacks of September 11, we gather at St. James Cathedral to remember and mourn those who died. At this Mass, we will acknowledge and thank the police, firefighters, and EMTs who keep our communities safe, day after day. Everyone is welcome to attend in person or live stream [HERE](#).

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Update



Our CRS Chapter has been busy during the month of August with advocacy meetings with our congressional representatives. During the August Congressional Recess, our Chapter scheduled individual Zoom meetings with staff from Senator Patty Murray, Senator Maria Cantwell, Rep Pramila Jayapal and Rep Adam Smith's Offices. On the agenda was **urging Congress to ensure the highest funding levels possible for poverty-reducing international development and humanitarian assistance in Fiscal Year 2022.**

Many thanks to our Team Leaders [Kelly Hickman](#) and [Jane Heinrich](#) for arranging and facilitating these meetings. If you are interested in learning more about the advocacy work of CRS please contact [Deanna Tighe](#).

Save The Date!



"How to Have a Good Death" forum will take place virtually on October 24th (Sunday afternoon), from 1 PM - 5:15 PM. The program will present Jim Clark's journey, Green Burial, Catholic options, Home Vigil, and Death Doula information. Additional details will be forthcoming as we proceed in getting this event organized!

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 more information is to come soon.

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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