



# "The Lord upholds my life."

- Psalm 54:6

## Registration for Mass No Longer Required!



Three couples married at St. Patrick's meet up on their honeymoons (and "second" honeymoon):  
Connor and Erika Kelly (2020), Dennis and Mary Kelly (1986), Sam and Kim Dawson (2021)

## "Take up your cross"

### Dear Sisters and Brothers In Christ,

This week we celebrate the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, tracing its beginning to Jerusalem and the dedication of the church built on the site of Mount Calvary in 335. But the meaning of the cross goes deeper than this. The cross is a sign of suffering, a sign of human cruelty and violence at its worst. But by Christ's love, as it is shown to us in the Paschal Mystery, the cross is transformed and becomes a sign of love and forgiveness, the very sign of salvation and God's

never-ending love for us.

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus tries once again to explain his own journey to the cross to his disciples. And once again, they don't seem to get it. Jesus knew the cross was in His future. Later on, he also told His disciples that to be His follower, they needed to "take up their cross." What did Jesus mean when he said to "take up your cross?" But what does this mean for us as followers of Jesus in today's world? What is our cross that we must take up to be disciples of the living Christ?

Any struggle to stay true to God, true to love, true to the commandments, true to our faith, true to our calling as Christians is how we carry the cross today. And because each of our lives and challenges is unique, the cross is specific for each one of us. For some, it can be bearing with a troubled family; for others, it is coping in faith and trust through an illness or injury, or the loss of a loved one. No two crosses are alike. And when we embrace it in faith, it is transformed. What seemed on the surface to be a type of death becomes the means through which God gives us life.

Still, bearing the cross with faith and love is the greatest challenge for Christians. When our crosses come, sometimes people will ask "Did I do something to cause this?" "Am I being punished?" "Does God love me?" "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?" A person may be thrown into a crisis of faith. But God doesn't send the suffering and tragedy our way.

With each cross that comes our way, we can look at it as an opportunity to renew and grow our prayer life, and our spiritual relationship with God. This week, let us reflect on and ask what is God wanting me to learn from this experience? What is God wanting me to do — right now — as a result of this cross? What is God wanting me to share with others based upon what I am experiencing? Where is God pulling me closer? "

Peace...

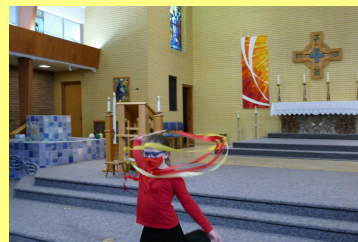
**Deanna Tighe**

**Pastoral Associate**

**[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 Wis 12:17-20; Psalm Ps 54:3-8; Second Reading Jas 3:16—4:3; Gospel Mk 9:30-37

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## Rest in Peace Annamaria

"Our beloved choir member Anne-Marie Hackenberger passed away on September 10th. Please join in celebrating her life at her funeral mass, this Saturday, September 18th, at 9:30 AM at St. Pats or alternatively you can join online via [Facebook](#) or our [website](#).  
Rest in Peace Annamaria!"



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## Faith Formation for Children and Youth

Faith Formation for Children and Youth is starting soon at St Pat's! If your child or youth is looking forward to joining us this year, please fill out the following survey about your preferences. <https://www.stpatrickseattle.org/faith-formation-sign-up>  
Your input is greatly appreciated as we look forward to starting faith formation and youth group again come October. If you have further questions, please reach out to Deanna Tighe at [dtighe@christourhopesseattle.org](mailto:dtighe@christourhopesseattle.org)

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## Wednesday Movie Night

We continue our series of powerful *Care for Creation* movies with a pair of excellent documentaries for the next two weeks. Join us on Zoom (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87671456490?pwd=R09WSENPMWFwMndZRnFVZjJxZ3J2UT09>), Wednesday, September 22nd at 7 PM, for viewing and discussion.



***Invisible Hand*** (2020) (<https://www.invisiblehandfilm.com/>)

*Invisible Hand* is the world's first documentary film on the *Rights of Nature Movement*. Executive Producer, Mark Ruffalo, states "You hear time and time again that a corporation has the rights of a person. The idea that Nature has no rights whatsoever is absurd." This "paradigm-shifting" story raises questions about the fate of capitalism and democracy and asks us all to consider the perspective of "Who speaks for Nature?" *Invisible Hand* documents front-line communities that are providing a blueprint forward.

In the fall of 2014, for the first time in United States history, an ecosystem filed to defend itself in a lawsuit claiming its 'right to exist' in Grant Township, Pennsylvania. For attempting such a radical act, Grant's rural community of 700 people were sued by a corporation, then by the state government, and are now locked in a battle to defend the watershed they call home through civil disobedience. The water they drink, the Rights to Nature laws they've passed are all on the line in this exclusive story. Half a continent away in Standing Rock, North Dakota, the same industry threatening Grant Twp. is using militarized force against indigenous tribes and allies fighting to protect Mother Earth. The two, Grant Township and Standing Rock, are joined in an international fight to protect more than just water. They fight for their community, democracy, and for Nature as a living entity unto itself.

We look forward to viewing and discussing it on Wednesday, see you there!

## Thanks from World Relief Seattle

Thanks to the generosity of our immediate neighborhood, members of St. Patrick's Church, and also a church member in Mount Baker, four complete kits and \$375 worth of gift cards were donated recently to World Relief Seattle. A special thanks from Sandy Kraus, "I am thrilled and so happy to live in such a caring and generous community."



## Jeff Renner Care For Creation / Climate Change presentation

On Tuesday, September 21st at 7 PM former King 5 weather forecaster Jeff Renner will be hosting a live virtual presentation for us entitled "Climate Change and Faith-Care for our Common Home". Jeff is an Emmy-award-winning science journalist and meteorologist and has participated in climate discussions at the White House, the Vatican, the Swiss High Altitude Observatory, and the National Center for Atmospheric Research. In addition, Jeff leads his Care for Creation team at Mary, Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Sammamish. Read more info and RSVP at [tinyurl.com/jeff-renner-soc](https://tinyurl.com/jeff-renner-soc)



## Fixing Homelessness

Don't miss the important upcoming Zoom meeting on Thursday, September 23, 6:30 PM - 8 PM, presented by the St. James Cathedral Housing Advocacy Committee. Three notable panelists including Tim Burgess, Kate Wilson, and Mario Villanueva will discuss the proposed Compassion Seattle initiative. In the wake of the recent court ruling that precluded the inclusion of Amendment 29 on the ballot, where do we go from here? How do we now undertake the critical dialogue that is needed to address the problem of homelessness in Seattle?

To register for the event please email Patrick Barredo, director of social outreach and advocacy, [pbarredo@stjames-cathedral.org](mailto:pbarredo@stjames-cathedral.org)



## USCCB-Bishops Emergency Disaster Fund

Exactly 16 years after Hurricane Katrina made landfall, another major hurricane blew into southern Louisiana and surrounding areas. The impacts of Hurricane Ida have been felt since August 29th, 2021 across multiple cities and states. The USCCB-Bishops Emergency Disaster Fund helps individuals, communities, and Catholic entities harmed by natural and other disasters. Here is an excerpt from Archbishop Jose Gomez's letter (available [here](#)) requesting a voluntary special collection for the humanitarian, long-term recovery, and significant Church needs arising from Hurricane Ida.



Your contribution will support the efforts of Catholic Charities USA and Catholic Relief Services, the official relief agencies of the U.S. Catholic Church, as they and their local agencies respond to immediate emergency needs for such necessities as water, food, shelter, and medical care, and aid in long-term rebuilding and recovery efforts. Donations also provide funding for grants to impacted dioceses for pastoral and reconstruction needs of the Church. Donations can be made online [HERE](#).



## National Migration Week

National Migration Week 2021  
September 20-26, 2021



National Migration Week for 2021 takes place September 20th - 26th and will climax with the Vatican's celebration of the World Day of Migrants and Refugees (WDMR), which always falls on the last Sunday of September. The primary theme for this year's WDMR is "Towards an ever wider 'WE'". In his letter announcing this year's theme, Pope Francis emphasizes that "this focus calls on us to ensure that 'after all this, we will think no longer in terms of 'them' and 'those,' but only 'us'" (Fratelli tutti, no. 35). And this universal us must become a reality first of all within the Church which is called to cultivate communion in diversity." In support of National Migration Week please keep this prayer by Pope Francis in your thoughts.

Holy, beloved Father, your Son  
Jesus taught us that there is great rejoicing in heaven whenever someone lost is  
found, whenever someone is excluded,  
rejected, or discarded is gathered into our "we," which thus becomes ever wider.  
We ask you to grant the followers of Jesus, and all people of goodwill, the grace to do  
your will on earth.  
Bless each act of welcome and outreach that draws those in exile into the "we" of community  
and of the Church,  
so that our earth may truly become what you yourself created it to be: the common home of  
all our brothers and sisters.  
Amen.  
- Pope Francis

## How to Have a Good Death



St. Patrick faith community and Wallingford Senior Center invite you to join our virtual presentation: **How to Have a Good Death**. This forum will take place Sunday, October 24th from 1 PM - 5 PM. Presenters include Elaine Clark (Jim's story: A Non-Traditional Way to Say Goodbye); Walt Patrick (A Place for Green Burial); Char Barrett (Home Vigil); Greg Simard & Tom Harvey (Traditional Catholic Options); Trudy James (Introduction: Preparing for Death Seminars). Registration for this Zoom event will be forthcoming in early October. No cost. We hope you can join us!

## 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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