

"May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives"

- Psalm 128:1-6

Registration for Mass No Longer Required!



St. Pat's marriages celebrated

The beauty of marriage

Dear Sisters and Brothers In Christ,

This weekend Jesus is talking about the importance of marriage. During our recent time away, we had a wonderful opportunity to gather with two newlywed couples. Our youngest son Connor and his wife Erika joined us for a week of vacation. It was sort of the "honeymoon" they never had due to the pandemic as they were wed in June of 2020 (albeit their "honeymoon" was with their parents/in-laws). We did our best to stay out of their way and let them do their thing. But we did gather for dinner and libations at the end of each day. We also had a chance to catch up for one evening with a couple who were married this past June at St. Patrick's, Kim and Sam Dawson (Bill McMurray's godson and his new wife). We promised then that we would catch up when they were on their honeymoon in the same location as our vacation. It was great to get these two couples together. They both graduated high school in the same

year and had much to share about life and marriage. These millennials are stepping into the first few years of their sacramental married life; responsible, hard-working, loving to each other, and still committed to the Catholic Church. These two couples give me hope for the future.

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 <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 YouTube (Masses posted within 24 hrs.)

Sunday Readings:

(You can also access them <u>here</u>) First Reading Gn 2:18-24; Psalm 128:1-6; Second Reading Heb 2:9-11; GospelMk 10:2-16

Important Parish Update

Greetings from your Advocates!

As you know, the most recent letter from the Archbishop confirms his intent that St Pat's is to be merged with another parish.



In our communication to you in early September, we indicated we would be sending out a survey to get your feedback on the options

that we face. We want to see where you stand on merging with Sacred Heart, merging with St. Joseph, taking legal action, forming our own community outside of the Catholic Church, or other ideas you have or options you see as possible. We have worked with an outside consultant to craft such a survey.

The survey was sent out as an email to parishioners who are signed up for the parish-wide email. If you did not receive this email, please check your "Junk" email box. If the email is not there, please contact Laura at <u>lauradavidash@aol.com</u> / 206.329.2960. If you are unable to complete the survey electronically reach out to Laura to arrange to get a paper copy.

Your input is extremely important and will be used by St. Pat's Advocates to guide decisions and recommendations for the transition. Your survey responses will be anonymous and confidential.

We are grateful for your continued involvement as we face our future together as a faith community. We look forward to your survey responses **by October 15**. We continue to listen to you and the Holy Spirit.

In prayer and solidarity,

The St. Pat's Advocates

Laura Ash, Betsey Beckman, JoAn Choi, Lisa Dennison, Sr. Judith Desmarais, Mickey Dunn, Paddy Dunn, Jenny Farrell, John Hale, Dcn. Dennis Kelly, Kate Speltz, Kim Stege, Byrony Treser, Polly Young and Mike Wagner

Care for Creation

This weekend we celebrate Creation Sunday with a special liturgy. Please join us for music (All God's Critters, etc.), liturgical movement, and special prayers as we celebrate the Vigil of the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. Join us LIVE in person or on <u>Facebook LIVE</u>. See you then.

Blessing of the Animals

As we celebrate the Vigil of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, this Sunday at 3 PM we will bless the animals with a special prayer service on **Zoom**. Please join us with all creatures great and small. Even toy animals are welcomed to be blessed.

Movie Screening Monday Night

If you missed last Wednesday's movie YOUTH v GOV, there is a second screening on Monday, October 4th at 7 PM. All are welcome to attend. Join us on **Zoom**!

JustFaith Ministries on Racial Justice

St. Patrick Church and Christ Our Hope continue to confront the sin of Racism and will offer the JustFaith Ministries on Racial Justice. Please join Deanna Tighe, Lisa Dennison, and Jan Thomas in seeking racial equity within our families, church, and community. Faith & Racial

Equity: Exploring Power & Privilege is an eight-session program that includes scriptural grounding, reflection on past and present racial injustices, and conversation about how power and privilege have contributed to racial inequity in our country for centuries.

The series will be on Monday nights from 6:30 PM – 8:15 PM and commences on October 11th, Indigenous People's Day, and runs through November and Black Catholic History Month. There is no cost for this series, however, books used will be charged at \$45 and easy to obtain. If you need financial help with the books, please indicate that during registration. To register for this series please email Deanna Tighe at <u>dtighe@christourhopeseattle.org</u>. If



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you have questions please email Lisa Dennison at <u>lisa2karl@aol.com</u> or Jan Thomas at jrthomas789@gmail.com.

Pope Francis and the Synodal Journey

Pope Francis has called for Catholics across the world to come together in a universal process of listening in preparation for the 2023 Synod of Bishops in Rome. The Greek word "synod" means "gathering" or "together on the way." In the Church, this word has been used to refer to a significant gathering, whether at the diocesan, national, or international level to discern the sign of the times and find consensus on a path forward as a Church. We are



currently looking for individuals who can lead our community in this discernment process. These Listening Session Coordinators will undergo training provided by the Archdiocese. If you are interested or know someone who would be ideal for this role, please contact Deacon Dennis (<u>dkelly@christourhopeseattle.org</u>).

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). Details about registration for this Zoom event can be found on the attached flyer. 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, **<u>Breaking Open The Word</u>** on Wednesday afternoons at 4 PM.

Alternatively, join a virtual small Women's group, <u>Encountering God</u>, 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.

