



**"Fill us with your
love, O Lord, and we
will sing for joy!"**

- Psalm 90:12-17

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A beautiful moment in our celebration of creation

"God is on your side"

Dear Sisters and Brothers In Christ,

"God is on your side." Most of us would agree with that statement. But some of our young people today do not feel God is on their side. They face bullying for who they are. Sometimes even in the Church. They lose hope. And sometimes they consider ending it all. Our LGBT teens are most susceptible to these feelings of despair. Recently, our Pastoral Council voted to have our parish join St. James Cathedral, St. Joseph, Christ Our Hope, and other parishes in signing on to the "God is on Your Side" statement by the Tyler Clemente Foundation. The

statement is signed by 14 U.S. Catholic Bishops and calls on Catholics to stand with at-risk LGBT youth in our country. The statement says, "As we see in the Gospels, Jesus Christ taught love, mercy, and welcome for all people, especially for those who felt persecuted or marginalized in any way...The Catholic Church values the God-given dignity of all human life and we take this opportunity to say to our LGBT friends, especially young people, that we stand with you and oppose any form of violence, bullying, or harassment directed at you. Most of all, know that God created you, God loves you and God is on your side." Read the full statement at <https://tylerclementi.org/catholicbishopsstatement/>. We will explore this important topic more in the coming months. Stay tuned for details.

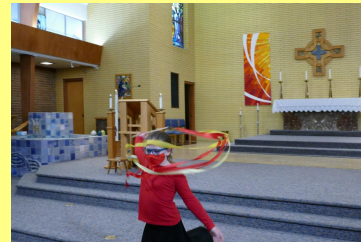
Peace...

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 Wis 7:7-11; Psalm 90:12-17; Second Reading Heb 4:12-13; Gospel Mk 10:17-30

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 lauradavidash@aol.com / 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, Byrny Treser, Polly Young and Mike Wagner

Rest in Peace, Gherry Bender

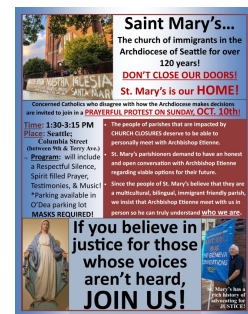
Gherry was the longtime chair of our Parish Finance Council. He was beloved in the community and his death was sudden (even though he was dealing with health issues since early 2020). Details of Gherry's obituary can be found here:

<https://obituaries.mineralwellsindex.com/obituary/gherry-bender-1083426188>



Prayerful Protest

All St. Pat's parishioners are invited to join St. Mary's in a prayerful protest at the chancery (710 9th Ave.) this Sunday at 1:30 PM. This [flyer](#) has all the needed information on it. Lisa Dennison will speak on behalf of our parish. And Laura and members of the choir will sing. See you there.



Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Update

Our hearts and prayers go out to the people of Afghanistan, who have lived through decades of conflict, poverty, and uncertainty.

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) humanitarian work in Afghanistan began in 2002 and focuses on three primary areas: agriculture, education, and disaster response. Even before the recent Taliban offensive taking the capital of Kabul and toppling the government, Afghanistan was in a severe hunger crisis. Now things are getting worse after the U.S. military withdrawal and the Taliban taking power. The UN World Food Program (WFP) says there are 14 million Afghans living in hunger. Drought has worsened food shortages. Emergency levels of child malnutrition exist in 27 of 34 Afghan provinces. That means small children are facing the danger of lasting physical and mental damage from malnutrition, or death. Some parts of Afghanistan cannot be accessed once winter snows arrive. The donations and mobilization of that food aid must happen now or it will be too late



for some Afghan villages.

Please keep the people of Afghanistan in your prayers, as well as all of those continuing to serve them. If you would like to learn more about CRS' work in Afghanistan or donate, here is a link to the CRS website: <https://www.crs.org/our-work-overseas/where-we-work/afghanistan>

Wednesday Movie Night

Next week we switch our focus back to social justice with the documentary "My Name is Pauli Murray", just released on Amazon Prime.



My Name is Pauli Murray educates and uplifts in equal measure while paying stirring tribute to a largely unsung -- yet hugely important -- individual. Pauli Murray was a legal trailblazer whose ideas influenced RBG's fight for gender equality and Thurgood Marshall's civil rights arguments. This is a portrait of their impact as a non-binary Black luminary: lawyer, activist, poet, and priest who transformed our world.

Join us on Zoom (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87671456490>), Wednesday, October 13th at 7 PM for viewing and discussion.

L'Arche auction

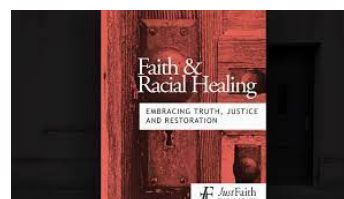
Please join us for L'Arche Noah Sealth's 10 Benefit and Auction on Saturday, October 16th. Pre-event virtual happy hour will commence at 5.30 PM followed by the virtual Benefit and Live Auction via L'Arche Seattle's YouTube Channel.



To register for the free event looks at auction items, and or make a donation, please visit larcheseattle.org/roots

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. The meetings will take place on [Zoom](#). 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 dtighe@christourhopeseattle.org. If you have questions please email Lisa Dennison at lisa2karl@aol.com or Jan Thomas at jrthomas789@gmail.com.

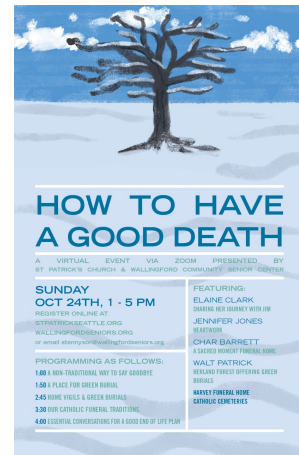
Pope Francis and the Synodal Journey

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 (dkelly@christourhopesseattle.org).



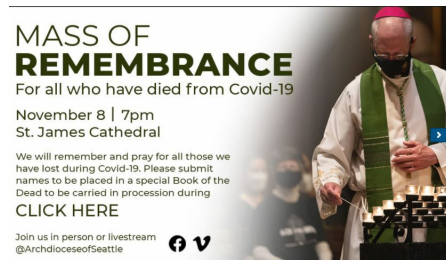
How to Have a Good Death

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!



Mass for the Dead

On November 8th Archbishop Etienne will be celebrating a Mass of Remembrance for all those who have died from COVID-19. During this special Requiem Mass, we will remember, mourn, and pray for all those we have lost to Covid-19. You are invited to [submit the names](#) of family members, friends, and colleagues who have died. These names will be placed in a special Book of the Dead and carried in procession during the Mass on November 8th at St. James Cathedral.



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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