

"The Lord is kind and merciful."

- <u>Ps 103: 1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11.</u>

# Complete Stewardship of Treasure Pledge HERE



The Sacred Encounter group served this young man and got his permission to use the picture. If you would like to volunteer and help please contact Liza Neal via <u>email</u>.

"How do you hear God's voice in your life?"

## **Dear Sisters and Brothers In Christ,**

In Sacred Scripture, God's voice is heard many times and in many different forms. Last week we heard God's voice booming from a mountaintop cloud in the Transfiguration. We know Elijah heard God as a still small voice on Mt. Horeb. This weekend we return to Mt. Horeb where Moses hears God's voice speaking from a burning bush. There are so many ways God's voice is heard by us humans. How do you hear God's voice in your life? In the bible, mountaintops are traditionally where God chooses to speak. Where is your mountaintop? Have you had any burning bush moments in your life? Jesus asks of us to hear his voice in our lives and act according to his will. Not our own. The Holy Spirit is seen as fire at Pentecost. This fire is burning through the Church right now in our Synod listening sessions. Perhaps we, too, will hear God's voice in these encounters. I ask each of you to please ask a fallen-away Catholic friend to take part in the Synod with you. Invite them into the conversations. Their voices need to be heard, too. 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 <u>here</u>. Join at 10:30 AM for Mass and then enjoy Hospitality immediately following Mass!

Or find the Mass via <u>YouTube</u> (Masses posted within 24 hrs.)

The scripture readings for the upcoming Mass can be found HERE

1st reading: <u>Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15</u>, <u>Ps 103: 1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11</u>; 2nd Reading <u>1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12</u> Gospel: <u>Lk</u> <u>13:1-9</u>

#### Masks or Optional

As we discern how best to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, we need your input. Today, I am asking you to respond to this email with "Mask" (= Keep Wearing Masks) or "Optional" (= Allow Masks to be optional with a social distance/mask section).

Please feel free to also share your thoughts, too. This will be reviewed by the Liturgy Commission prior to deciding the safest and best next steps.

As we pray on how best to respond, please read this food-for-thought perspective from the head of our Liturgy team:

"This morning I was at the women's Encountering God session. In my small group, I talked about the issue of Holy Week and masks. Lisa made the point that many in the parish might not be aware of our Triduum plans and might change their perspective about making masks optional if they knew we might not be able to do such traditions as the foot washing for Holy Thursday and gathering at the Baptismal Font for the Vigil if the congregation is unmasked. It could also affect the Veneration of the Cross on Good Friday. In addition, Laura feels we could do more singing if we remain masked.

There is also the issue of a new variant of the Omicron virus spreading quickly through Europe and particularly the UK that is highly contagious. It seems we would be prudent to wait to make masks optional until after Easter. Parishioners might agree if it is made clear the concerns voiced here."

I look forward to hearing from each and every one of you on this important decision.



Thanks!

### Advocates Update

The Advocates will have a presentation after Mass this weekend to talk about next steps. Please come to Mass or join us online to see their presentation.



## **Synodal Listening Sessions**

Please join us this **Sunday at 2:00 pm** for our **All Parish** Zoom Synodal Listening Session focusing on a **NEW** set of questions:

• What disturbs or breaks your heart about the Catholic Church today?



• What fills your heart about the Catholic Church? How, guided by the Holy Spirit, could we nurture that experience at Saint Patrick Parish, in the Archdiocese of Seattle, and in the world?

Our Team is resetting our approach with these questions, hoping they will touch our hearts in a meaningful and more personal way – to unveil a deeper response and inspire every one of us to participate.

This 90-minute session will give each of us the opportunity to speak prayerfully in answering the questions, and to listen humbly without judgement in sharing our collective wisdom. These conversations may plant seeds of faith for the Holy Spirit to work through us, through our parish, our diocese, and the global church, to create a genuine and lasting impact.

## See you Sunday March 20<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm on Zoom at:

https://washington.zoom.us/j/686922272

+1 206 337 9723 US (Seattle) Meeting ID: 686 922 272 *Sign in early as we will begin promptly at 2:00 pm* 

Also, the same program will be offered **Thursday March 24th at 7:00 pm on Zoom at:** <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88372576577?pwd=QldsQjhTbjFCWTFPNzFmekhNTFN0Zz09</u> +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma) Meeting ID: 883 7257 6577 *Sign in early as we will begin promptly at 7:00 pm* 

Please contact Ann Mescher at <u>mescher6@yahoo.com</u> or Jackie McWalter-Huff at <u>jmcwalterhuff@gmail.com</u> for more information.

Inspired by stories already shared, Sharie Bowman is collecting personal reflections at <u>StPats.Sharie@gmail.com</u>. Personal reflections in advance of parish-wide sessions are intended to facilitate listening with thankfulness in our own hearts.

#### **Care for Creation**

All are welcome, to join the Creation Care Network for an earth justice summit, to act from our common home. The day will include an address from Archbishop Etienne, a public conversation between youth and young adults about their concerns, energy, and passion for environmental justice,



workshops on the Laudato Si' Action Platform and building Care for Creation Teams, as well as reflections on indigenous wisdom on our relationship to the land.

The event is open to anyone, free of charge, will include a boxed lunch, and will take place in person. Mask and vaccination or negative PCR test within 72 hours are required for attendance.

## **Lenten Reflection Service**

Please join us on Wednesday, March 23rd at 7 PM on Zoom for our Lenten Reflection Service celebrated in readings, song, gestures, and ritual. May this prayer time energize us, refocus our intentions, and renew our commitment to continue "on the Way".

Scheduled at the midpoint in our Lenten journey, participating in this lovely service prepares us to more fully enter into the mysteries of Holy Week and the Triduum.

#### **Overcoming Disaster**

In Bangladesh, cyclones and other natural disasters are increasing—destroying farms, homes and more—making it difficult for people like Noornobi to earn a living and support their



families. But Noornobi has learned new techniques to protect his land and income, enabling his niece and nephew to go to school. How can you care for creation to help the planet and our global family? Visit **crsricebowl.org** to learn more.

#### **Josephinum Resident Resource Fair**

Our shared community needs your generosity and help! On Sunday, March 27th Christ Our Hope will be holding a Resource Fair for the Josephinum Residents where they will be able to "shop" for items that they need for their apartments and personal hygiene. We ask that you please bring or send items found on the list below or other personal care and daily living items to Christ Our Hope Church by March 27th. If you order via Amazon, please use the Amazon Smile link <u>HERE</u>. Feel free to have the items shipped directly to the Church.

We also need your help hosting the Resource Fair! Come help to give away items to the residents and see old friends for the first time since the Pandemic. The Resource Fair follows the Sunday Morning Mass and will be from 10:30 AM - Noon. If you are interested in helping, please reach out to **Deanna Tighe** or **Paula Holmes**. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Thank you! Christ Our Hope Sacred Encounters and St. Vincent de Paul.

#### Supplies to donate:

- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels
- Dish towels, dish sponges, dish scrubbers

- Toothpaste/toothbrushes
- Dish soap
- Laundry detergent
- Cleaning wipes
- Shampoo, Conditioner
- Razors, shaving cream
- Tissue boxes
- Plastic storage bins
- Fun items -puzzle books, coloring books, puzzles, colored pencils, paperback books
- Food instant oatmeal/noodles/soup/macaroni and cheese, snack packs of cookies, crackers, nuts

### Lenten Cooking, Cocktails & Community

Join us for the second Lenten Cooking, Cocktails & Community next Friday, March 25th at 5:30 PM on **Zoom**!



As we get deeper into Lent, let's pray, fast and give alms together. We're pairing the simple **<u>CRS Rice Bowl recipes</u>** with a simple cocktail and mocktail recipe that you can make at home.

Our second gathering will be hosted by Christ Our Hope's Sam Sweeney and the Tahoma CRS Chapter's J.L. Drouhard! <u>Attached are</u> the ingredients for the <u>Dahl Recipe from</u> <u>Bangladesh</u>, along with ingredients for a simple cocktail and mocktail pairing courtesy of Christ Our Hope's David Ard.

Get your ingredients in advance, and we can't wait to be together virtually on the 25th!

## **Restart Hospitality and Coffee hour?**

We have had two loooong years without coffee hour or social receptions! On March 13 Dennis announced that the Archdiocese has given the go-ahead allowing us to start these activities again. What is needed to make this happen safely at St. Patricks? Parish council invites volunteers to assist in two ways. First, consider joining an ad hoc committee to evaluate the state of affairs and make decisions. For example: should we begin coffee hour with gathering on the porch; what about ventilation in the social hall; do we need fresh coffee and are the coffee pots in good order; do other supplies need to be refreshed; how do we schedule support? Tentative meeting time for ad hoc committee will be March 28 (evening), via zoom. Second, volunteers will be needed to carry out the activities associated with coffee hour and other events.

If you are interested in either aspect to enable our community to get this rolling: please contact Jackie McWalter-Huff at <u>jamcwalter@aol.com</u> or Elaine Clark at <u>eclarkpt2@gmail.com</u> by March 27. We look forward to your help!

#### **Events at the Peace and Spirituality Center**



Contemplative Prayer led by Sr. Kathleen Pruitt, CSJP and

Kwan Wong, Oblate OSB Cam takes place online on Thursdays through March, 24 and 31, 2022 at 7PM. Please join the Contemplative Prayer mailing list to receive regular updates and links for virtual attendance. Inquire at <u>peace@csip-olp.org</u>

#### **Our Parish Book**

As you know, Sharie Bowman is putting together a book for our parish and is still taking contributions. How do you feel the Spirit here at St. Pat's? What does our parish mean to you? She has extended our deadline to contribute to Sunday April 3. In fact, she lovingly says that she will not let you go down to coffee hour until you give her something (smiley face). This will be a beautiful Love Letter about our community.

### Join ISP and Krista Tippett at the Company of Grace! Thursday, March 24th 8 PM ET/7 PM CT/5 PM PT

The Ignatian Spirituality Project (ISP) partners with social service agencies to care for the spiritual needs of people recovering from homelessness and substance use addiction. In 28 cities across the U.S., Canada, and Ireland, volunteers provide spiritual reflections and overnight retreats experiences for thousands of people on the journey of recovery, helping them to regain a sense of their own personal worth and the belief that lasting change is possible. Join ISP and Krista Tippett -- journalist, author, and host of the award-winning podcast On Being -- for a conversation on transformation, healing and the journey of recovery. The event is free to attend. To register or learn more about sponsorship opportunities, visit **ispretreats.org/cog** 

## Lenten Youth Event St. Patrick Parish

4 PM - 7:30 PM Sunday, April 3, 2022

All Jr. High and H.S. youth from the South Seattle Deanery are welcome at St. Patrick Parish 2702 Broadway East to join our Lenten Youth Event. Award Winning Journalist Jeff Renner will lead us through a conversation

and an interactive presentation on Climate Anxiety and our call as Catholic's in todays world. Join us for this free event. RSVP to Mickey Dunn, St. Patrick Youth Minister

**dunnmick@yahoo.com** or call 206-344-6057. More details about the event can be found on the flyer **HERE**.

## **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.

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.

A new **Games Night** schedule is being developed more information is to come soon.

Saturday Works Party from 9 AM to Noon weekly! Are you available to volunteer? Please email <u>Mike Wagner</u>.





Please email **Deanna Tighe** if you have questions about these events or ideas on other ways you would like to engage.

