



**"We are his people, the
sheep of his flock."**

-Psalm: 100, 1-2,3,5



The beauty that surrounds us

"My sheep hear my voice, I know them, and they follow me."

Dear Sisters and Brothers In Christ,

As we absorb the difficult news from Archbishop Etienne that, despite every effort to keep the parish open, he is sticking by his original decision to merge and close St. Patrick by July 1st ([link to his letter here](#)), we are at a crossroads and are faced with choices. We have had a year to ready ourselves for this moment. Still, it will be a painful goodbye. The coming weeks will be difficult as we witness the end of our parish's 105-year history in Seattle. Some will merge with St. Joseph. Others will leave the Catholic Church all together. But I am confident all will continue to follow the voice of the Good Shepherd in their lives. Jesus says in this weekend's Gospel, "My sheep hear my voice, I know them, and they follow me." This gives me solace in these dark times. I continue to keep you all and your discernment in my prayers.

Peace...

Dcn. Dennis Kelly
Pastoral Coordinator

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.)

The scripture readings for the upcoming Mass can be found [HERE](#)

1st reading: Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5; 2nd Reading: Rev 7:9, 14b-17 Gospel: John 10:27-30

[Advocates Update](#)

In response to the letter from the Archbishop, the Advocates have sent him a letter asking for more time to complete our discernment process. We hope to receive an answer soon. Both letters will be read this Sunday at Mass, and will also be put on the Connection Board at a later date. See you Sunday.



[Mother's Day Weekend](#)

On Mother's Day, we offer a special blessing to all mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, and all women with mothering roles. You're invited to use the same prayer at your home on Mother's Day.

Loving God,
as a mother, you give life and nourishment to your children,
and watch over your Church.
Bless these women,
that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers.
Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.
Grant that we, their sons and daughters,
may honor them always
with a spirit of profound respect.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.
AMEN!

[Wednesday Night Movie Night](#)

After two weeks off, **St Pat's Movie Night** returns with a pair of movies focused on Israel this coming Wednesday, May 11. The first will be a short (35 min) feature called "**I Am Israel**". This

award-winning 2017 short film (do we ever show a documentary that isn't "award winning"?), gives an intimate look at the lives of those who live in the Land and about the relationship between Jewish people and the land of Israel. There are few reviews, but one from a Jewish organization says: "The film presents a very positive view of Israel. The focus is primarily on biblical sites, and we do not see how Israeli citizens have been affected by the ongoing conflict with the Palestinians. ... Ultimately, the film accomplishes what it sets out to do. It reminds the audience that God made an everlasting covenant with Abraham, that prophecies about Israel are coming true, and that we need to stand with Israel against those who want to destroy her. It will give people a greater desire to visit the Holy Land if they have not already done so, and for those who are passionate about Jewish evangelism, they will feel more inspired to pray for the peace of Jerusalem and the salvation of the chosen people. You can learn more about this short film at iamisrael.com."



I don't want to try to do justice to the current state of the conflict in Palestine, but I was interested in the earlier history told in a 2015 PBS documentary "**1913: Seeds of Conflict**". Breaking new ground and shattering old myths, this one-hour documentary explores the little-known history of Palestine during the latter part of the Ottoman Empire, a time of relative harmony between Arabs and Jews. Living side by side in the multi-lingual, cosmopolitan city of Jerusalem, Jews, Christians and Muslims intermingled with a cultural fluidity enjoyed by all. How did this land of milk and honey, so diverse and rich in culture, become the site of today's bitter and seemingly intractable struggle? Was there a turning point, a moment in time when things could have been different? Weaving the raveled threads of Arab and Jewish narratives back together, *1913: Seeds of Conflict* provides new and fascinating insights into the dramatic events that took place in Palestine which set the stage for the coming century of unrest.

So, join us for viewing and discussion of this pair of films on Wednesday, May 11, at 7 PM on our usual zoom link, <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87671456490?pwd=R09WSENPMWFwMndZRnFVZjJxZ3J2UT09>

Coffee Hosts Needed

It is good to be back in Paddy's Place once again for our weekly coffee hour! We are in need of a few more coffee hour hosts to get us through May and June. It is a lot of fun and is a good way to meet community. If you would like to help, please contact Christine Charters at: morningstar8@earthlink.net Thank you so much!

Sacred Encounters Volunteer Experience



"Last year on the Wednesday of Holy Week, the Sacred Encounters Street Mission hit the streets of Seattle. After three months of Zoom training, Deacon Dennis had prepared us to go out and meet our neighbors who are homeless near Christ Our Hope Parish. All of us approached it with some hesitation as we weren't sure what we would encounter. This past year has been an indescribably enriching experience. We thought we'd bring our street neighbors wonderful encounters by offering them more than just food and water, but also by having real conversations with them. We'd let them know they were our neighbors, and we are all sister and brothers in Christ. What we weren't expecting was that we'd be the recipients of such wonderful encounters by their conversations and smiles. Many times, we have been shown genuine appreciation from our new friends and

neighbors that we didn't avoid them or look at them with scorn, but rather "talk to them as human beings". We've had so many "Sacred Encounters" and now have many friends on the street. We always try to get a positive reaction when we meet someone new. We introduce ourselves, ask them their name, and offer them a sandwich and bottle of water. Then, I'll often wink at them asking if they'd like to see our dessert menu", which always elicits a laugh or a smile.

A group that became one of our early favorites were the Native Americans who occupied Pioneer Square. We looked forward to seeing Michael (a.k.a. Eskimo), Buck, Rhonda, Tarantula, Crystal, and the rest of the gang every Wednesday and they really seemed to enjoy and appreciate us. Fortunately, in October they all found shelter, with many of them just up the street from COH at the Palladium hotel. We've since seen Michael and he looks great! (He said that it's amazing what a shower and a warm place to sleep can do for you). He's now obtained his Tribal Identification Card and Social Security number and is seeking employment. A couple of weeks ago, Mike and I were laughing that before the formation of the Sacred Encounters Street Mission, we used to avoid these people. Now, we run to them!

Over the past year, we have met prophets and addicts, the abused and mentally ill, many who for one reason or the other find that being on the streets suits them better than being in society. Nonetheless, all of them need to be acknowledged as part of our human family, and not avoided or shouted out.

I invite any of you who want to experience a Sacred Encounter to join us on a Wednesday at 11:00 AM to 1 PM. We'll provide you with basic training and you will always be in a group. It is an indescribably rewarding experience. Those of you who might not be as comfortable being out on the street making contacts, we invite you to donate needed items or make sandwiches for us to give to our neighbors and friends."

~ Jillian Jacobson, Sacred Encounters Volunteer

Day of Advocacy

Catholics are called to heed Pope Francis' exhortation to "immerse themselves in politics by offering the best of themselves so that the leader can govern."

Join Catholics from the parishes of the South Seattle Deanery to learn about Catholic Social Teaching on housing and homelessness and how we can raise our voices to advocate for our houseless neighbors and others who have been pushed to the margins by selfish and shortsighted public policy. No RSVP required! Park in the O'Dea High School parking lot or in the Cabrini Parking Garage. The event will take place on Saturday, May 14th at 9.30 AM in St. James' Cathedral Hall. More information can be found [HERE](#). Please email [Erin Maguire](#) if you have any questions.

Prayer Vigil With St. Mary's

St Mary's folks let us know they will be holding a prayer vigil outside the Archdiocesan offices every Wednesday at 3 PM. The address is 710 9th Ave. (Across the street from Skyline Assisted Living). The purpose is to be a visible sign of the people whose parishes the AB has decided to close. St. Pat's parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend. Posters and prayers welcome!

Benefit performance of "The Alaska Suite" on May 15th, 2022



The Nelda Swiggett Quintet will perform "**The Alaska Suite**" May 15th as a benefit for Green Buildings Now. Tickets are on sale at <https://bit.ly/aksuite> to experience Nelda Swiggett's touching and powerful multimedia jazz work on Sunday, May 15, at 3 PM at Seattle First Baptist Church. All proceeds benefit Green Buildings Now, a grassroots initiative promoting social justice and climate resilience by working with marginalized communities to remove fossil fuels from buildings in a just way.

Swiggett's "The Alaska Suite: a story of beauty, loss and hope" depicts how the climate crisis is unfolding in Alaska and leaves audiences inspired to take action. The 90-minute performance features jazz, images, poetry, spoken word and audience participation. One listener called the work "part love song, part sad ballad to Alaska, and part battle cry to reclaim the health of our planet." You can learn more about "The Alaska Suite" [HERE](#), including a five-minute documentary.

Green Buildings Now is currently working with Bethany United Church of Christ, Spark Northwest and Bethany's people-of-color-led campus partners to create a fossil-fuel-free South Beacon Hill Resilience Hub that will offer refuge for neighbors during potentially life-threatening climate emergencies. Tax-deductible donations to Green Buildings Now may be made at greenbuildingsnow.org.

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, [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.

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 [Mike Wagner](#).

Please email [Deanna Tighe](#) if you have questions about these events or ideas on other ways you would like to engage.

To help with **Sacred Encounters** visit our [Meal Train link](#) or email [Liza Neal](#) to see how you can help.

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