

"Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me"

Psalm 138



Liza checks in to say she's doing fine, mostly slaying dragons...

Come join us!

Dear Sisters and Brothers In Christ,

This weekend we get a chance to meet parishioners from St. Joseph as they join us for Mass and then break bread (or at least pizza) with us at Paddy's Place. The gathering is designed by the St. Pat's / St. Joe's merger team and gives us all a chance to meet the ministry leads at St. Joseph and hear about the many ministry similarities between our two communities. I invite you to come and meet our new friends, even if you are choosing to go elsewhere. I've talked to many of you who have not decided yet where you want to go once our Masses end here. This is an opportunity to discern if St. Joe's will be a good fit for you and your family. I hope to see you there.

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:

Private Facebook page: If you have a Facebook account, use this link: <u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/stpatrickseattle/</u>

Public Facebook page: If you do not have a Facebook account, use this link: <u>https://www.facebook.com/stpatsseattle/</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 <u>YouTube</u> (Masses posted within 24 hrs.)

The scripture readings for the upcoming Mass can be found HERE

First reading: Gn 18:20-32; Psalm 138; Second Reading: Col 2:12-14; Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

Important Update

The Seattle Times will be doing an updated story this Sunday on the parish closures in the Seattle area. Several of you have been interviewed. This story will be written again by reporter Nina Shapiro and should be posted online at the Times sometime on Saturday. FYI.



Last weekend we read a letter from Fr. Pat to the St. Patrick community. The letter also was shared with the Archbishop this week. For those who did not get to see it, here's a link to the letter: <u>Father Pat's Letter</u>

St. Joe's / St. Pat's Ministry Gathering

On Sunday, July 24th, St. Joe's parishioners have been invited to join St. Pat's parishioners for their Mass at 10:30 AM followed by a lunch and meeting with St. Joseph and St. Pat's ministry leaders. Here's the agenda:

- 11:45 Regular St. Pat's Hospitality (Coffee and Donuts)
- 12:15 St. Pat's / St. Joe's Meeting begins
 - Pizza Delivered
 - Opening remark from organizing team
 - Purpose of meeting to start the process of integrating St. Pat's folks into St. Joe's Ministries and Programs
 - Get to know key staff and volunteers
- 12:30 Grab Pizza and move into the following ministry groups. Each group will have a short overview of ministries at St. Joe's followed by Introductions name, parish, the ministries you are interested in and hopes, desires and concerns about moving forward.
 - Liturgy and Worship

- Faith Justice
- Faith Formation
- Parish Life
- 1:15 1:30 Reconvene as a large group
 - Share Graces Received and Appreciation for our time together
 - Closing Prayer
- 1:30 1:45 Meeting concludes

All Parish Photo

Between liturgy and picnic on August 14th, assemble on the church steps and front walkway for a group photo of everybody! Please make your way there as soon as possible after the liturgy concludes that day, (we don't want this project to cut into picnic preparations and/or our picnic time together.)

- If you are unable to join the group photo, a St. Pat's google drive folder will be available in August for you to share a digital photo of yourself/family with the community. Directions to upload such a photo will be included in August reminders.
- Our group photo will be sent to parishioners digitally at the end of August.
 - Do you want a printed copy? Sign up on the vestibule door (posted July 31-August 21).
 - Printed copies will be distributed on August 28.

Summer Calendar

Below is a calendar of planned events for our beloved parish community (some in partnership with St. Joseph). Please keep an eye on this parish wide email for updates.

Jul 24 – Members of St. Joe's community come to St. Pat's to share liturgy. Meet together after Mass at St. Pat's into ministry groups (Parish Life, Liturgy, Faith Formation, Social Justice). Catered lunch provided at Paddy's Place.

Jul 31 – Celebration of our Sister Parish relationship. Lisa Dennison to serve as homilist. Incoming St. Joseph pastor Fr. Chris Cartwright to preside at St. Pat's Mass. Spirit of Hope Multifaith Climate Solutions Summit 2PM-5PM in Paddy's Place.

Aug 7 – Thank you for Dcn. Dennis and Fr. Bryan's time with us.

Aug 14 – Renewal of Wedding Vows for couples after communion. Parish photo and picnic. Victoria Ries will be present and will preside at the vow renewal.

Aug 21 – Procession around St. Pat's nave/sanctuary honoring the physical space then a procession to St. Joe's. Picnic for Fr. Chris at St. Joe's at 1:00 PM.

Aug 27 - St. Pat's Men's Night Out at 6 PM at Michael Olmstead's home, North Seattle. Suggested donation of \$25. RSVP to <u>Chris Covert-Bowlds</u>.

Aug 28 – Last Mass at St. Pat's inviting previous pastors & parishioners to join us. Opening and closing special procession. Blessing of the community. Small reception after Mass. Betsey leads Movement ministry.

Sep 3-4 – St. Patrick's parishioners welcomed at every Mass at St. Joe's with special focus at Sunday's 9:30am Mass, which will be ASL interpreted. Fr. Chris presides/preaches.

Bob/Laura will lead joint choir.

Sep 11 – ASL interpretation starts at St. Joe's at 11:00 am Mass. Also live-streamed.

Save the Date: St Pat's Men's Night Out

St. Pat's Men's Night Out will take place on Saturday August 27th, at Michael Olmstead's home in north Seattle, at 6 PM. Theme: sharing our stories, songs, jokes. It's our fundraiser for Nueva Trinidad sister parish, suggested donation \$25. We'll have pupusas (delicious Salvadoran stuffed tortillas) and more.

RSVP to Chris Covert-Bowlds, cell-text 206-883-8989, email c.covertbowlds@gmail.com.

Parishioner Contributions for Asylee, Refugee and Immigration Applicants

<u>This memorandum</u> from Michael O'Connell provides a summary of the asylee, refugee and immigrant applicants supported by St. Patrick Parish parishioner contributions. In 2018, St. Patrick Parish parishioners established a program to support applicants needing legal assistance for their asylum, refugee and immigrant status determinations. Since then, parishioner contributions have totaled **\$111,624**. If a request for assistance was approved, payment was made directly to the attorney or organization assisting the applicant to ensure that funds were used as intended.

St. Patrick parishioner contributions supported 37 Hispanic and African asylee, refugee and immigration applicants. The average donation was \$2,965. Approximately \$1,909 remains; this has tentatively been allocated to assist a 38th person, pending additional information.

Most asylum, refugee and immigration cases go through multiple stages and take years to fully resolve. Until recently, many cases in the administrative Immigration court system were suspended due to COVID-19. Despite this, at least 5 cases funded by St. Patrick parishioners achieved success consistent with the status of the cases.

An attorney representing one client supported by St. Patrick advised: "The judge granted her asylum application. Thank you so much for your financial support of [my client] during this process. The Parish has made a difference in her life." Another immigration attorney commented: "I very much appreciate St. Patrick's doing so much for my low-income clients over these past few years. I am praying for . . . all the St. Pat's parishioners."

St. Patrick parishioner contributions succeeded in assisting "our neighbors" to protect their basic human rights as asylees, refugees and immigrants.

Experience Sacred Encounters

In January of 2021, a new outreach ministry "Sacred Encounters" was formed where volunteers from Christ Our Hope and Saint Patrick's went out among the people residing on the streets of downtown Seattle. After a couple of months of formation, we were



ready to hit the streets and went on our first Sacred Encounter Ash Wednesday of 2021. We meet every Wednesday at 11 AM and go until 1 PM. **Our mission is to get to know our sisters and brothers in Christ and let them know that their neighbors care about them**. We offer sandwiches, water, socks, hygiene kits, etc., but our real purpose is to form

relationships. We want our friends on the streets to know someone cares, they are loved and part of society and God's family. We are currently looking for new volunteers to join us. If you have questions, please see weekly participant Barbara Ivester. You can also sign up to support the weekly meal train <u>HERE</u>.

Theology on Tap

Join Fr. Casey Cole, OFM and Fr. Tito Serrano, OFM as they continue their pilgrimage to visit all 30 Major League Baseball

stadiums! While in the Seattle area, the Bleacher Brothers will be visiting several parishes for opportunities to encounter the young adults of our Archdiocese. Some details of upcoming events include:

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July 22: Seattle Mariners vs. Houston Astros, 7:10 PM at T-Mobile Park

• Contact Fr. Marcin Szymanski, OP

July 23: Mt. Rainier Day Hike with Young Adults, <u>8 AM at St. Michael, Olympia</u>

Contact Kira Steinbrecher, Olympia Frassati Young Adult Hiking Group

Follow the Bleacher Brothers tour at breakinginthehabit.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.

Alternatively, join a **virtual small Women's group**, <u>Encountering God</u>, which gathers online o n **Thursday's at 11 AM**. This is a sixty-minute women's reflection group led by Lisa Dennison.

Saturday Works Party from 9 AM to Noon weekly! Are you available to volunteer? Please email <u>Mike Wagner</u>. This weekend the Celebration Committee is putting on a special appreciate brunch for the team.

To help with **Sacred Encounters** visit our <u>Meal Train link</u> or email <u>Liza Neal</u> to see how you can help.

