



ST. PATRICK CHURCH
2702 Broadway East, Seattle, WA 98102

All are welcome. We don't just say it we live it.

Annual Report 2020 - 2021

My sisters and brothers in Christ:

As the beautiful days of summer give way to the rain and clouds of fall, we reflect on the past fiscal year at St. Patrick. It is time once again to share the stewardship story of our parish. This Annual Report to you, our beloved parishioners, shows how we did financially and in serving the people of God from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

In light of the Archbishop's decision about our community, it would be easy to focus solely on our pending future. But Christ calls us to live in the now and the now looks pretty good for the financial health of our community.

God continued to abundantly bless our parish community over this past year. I will do my best to highlight some of the many gifts we have been given by the Lord and shared with others, as well as bravely look forward to a future guided by the Holy Spirit.

We held a successful Synod to map a strategic plan for the future. The community came together to create fourteen priorities for our parish. Many already are underway.

Peace...

Deacon Dennis Kelly
Pastoral Coordinator



Our community was called to launch a new shared ministry with Christ Our Hope called Sacred Encounters. We were blessed with a baker's dozen disciples who formed to serve as Christ to those experiencing homelessness in downtown Seattle.

We continued to join each other virtually online to grow in our faith and better hear the voice of God. We tackled the Church's difficult teaching on LGBT issues by studying Fr. James Martin S.J.'s book "Building a Bridge".

In response to the Archbishop's decision, the Advocates team came together to fight for our parish community. What a Holy Spirit inspired group.

2020-2021 was a challenging year for all of us due to the coronavirus. The emergence of the delta variant popped the bubble of vaccination jubilation and caused us to be more cautious in spending time with others. Only time will tell if this is just a temporary set-back. But by the results of our stewardship generosity this past year it has not shaken your faith in Christ or his works through this community.

Despite our challenges, thank you for continuing to support our beautiful community.



Parish Staff & Leadership

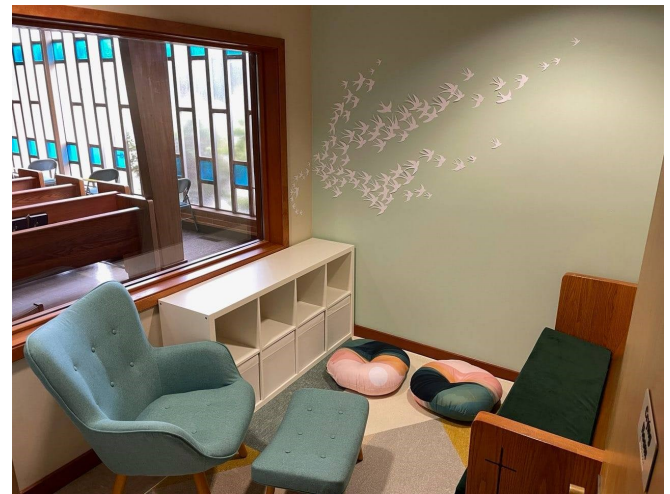
Dcn. Dennis Kelly	Pastoral Coordinator
Fr. Bryan Hersey	Parish Priest / Hospital Chaplain
Deanna Tighe	Pastoral Associate
Laura Ash	Music Director / Office Assistant
Mickey Dunn	Youth Group
Helen Byrne	Parish Bulletin Editor
Donna Ferraro	Parish Bookkeeper

Karla Bocek	Finance Council
Eileen Murphy	Liturgy Commission
Byrony Treser	Pastoral Council
Mike Wagner	Facilities/Safety
Stege Family	Communications
Sharie Bowman	Livestream
Betsey Beckman	Liturgical Movement
Nick Marson	Technology
Kate Speltz	Sister Parish
Maureen Little	Sister Parish
Liza Neal	Sacred Encounters
John Baisch	St. Vincent de Paul
John Hale	Growth and Sustainability
John Dunn	ASL Team
Paul Sampson	Lectors

Pastoral Council

The pastoral council met monthly from September to June virtually to discuss parish needs, projects, and initiatives. This included follow up from the synod to move forward parishioner driven projects. The council serves as a link to the community to address concerns, promote growth and sustainability, and foster connections.

Byrony Treser, Council Chair



Facilities/Safety

Covid19 has continued to constrain your Facilities Committee and Saturday Posse efforts this year, but nevertheless we managed several major projects in addition to our routine preventative maintenance and grounds-keeping work:

- Replaced all broken slates on the church roof and sealed brickwork on the south wall
- Refurbished our family quiet room (Angelica & Cody Peck)
- Installed new fountain/water bottle filling station in Paddy's Place
- Installed new deduct water meter to greatly reduce church water bills
- Built new safety fencing along parish office retaining Walls. Installed a new cleanout and rooted sewer Lines

Mike Wagner, Facilities/Safety Chair



232	Registered	Households
143	Stewardship	Households
423	Registered	Members

Adult Faith Formation

During this time, as the crucial need to stay connected arose and evolved, we welcomed new ways of forming the faith of our parishioners.

The Faith Formation ministries at St. Pat's are oriented to assist parishioners in building an intimate relationship with Christ, through offering lifelong faith formation and sacramental preparation. The ministry is to offer parishioners the means to deepen their understanding and practice of our faith, regardless of where they are on their journey with God and with the Church. With the Church Fiscal Year starting in July 2020, we hoped that things would soon return to "normal." Unfortunately, this was not the case. The continuation of the pandemic and quarantine led to a turn to ministry via the internet. Retreats, prayer groups, and faith sharing gatherings moved online with the collaboration with Christ Our Hope.



One way that we aided parishioners' faith journey at home was to offer a Bible Study entitled Studying the Word of God based on each Sunday's readings led by Dr. David Ard. A few of our participants have shared the following after reflecting on their experience:

"During Bible Study I always learn something new about the history, or the context of the passage, or about the life of the Gospel writer. On Sunday as I listen to the readings we just studied I feel as if I'm hearing from an old friend." - Susie Roe

"Without Knowledge of CHRIST's Teachings

How will we as Christians Grow?

Without the Bible and Instruction,

How will we Know?

But where two or three are Gathered,

CHRIST is Always there, and

We each Grow in His WISDOM,

As we Study and we Share!"

- Jani Kelly

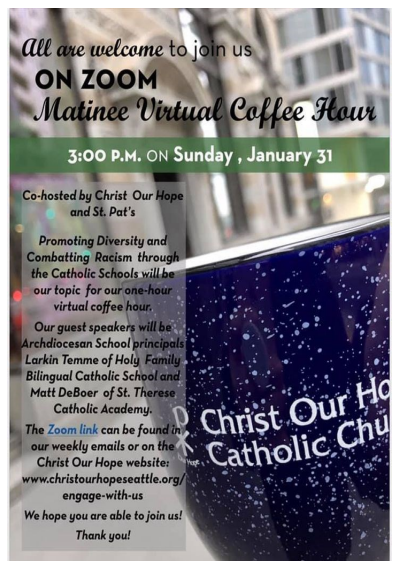


Also, each week, women from St. Pat's and COH met to reflect and share about their lives based on the faith of our Church. One woman, reflecting on what has been the most life-giving thing about her experience in 'Encountering God' wrote that it is:

"the sharing of each person's stories, sad or uplifting, shared laughter, sorrow and also sharing resources; sometimes those stories were every-day issues, and sometimes they were much deeper. I feel that it fostered a deeper relationship between the women." - Rosemary Ryan

Our faith formation also continued with learning more about our faith and its intersection with race and privilege. In September, we did a shared study with COH on the US Bishops race document "Open Wide Our Hearts" and during Lent, over 70 parishioners journeyed together to learn more about racism during our Lenten Journey for Racial Justice series.

Deanna Tighe, Pastoral Associate



Music Ministry

The Covid-19 pandemic has had a profound effect on singers everywhere, and the 2020-2021 year was a good example of the word “pivot” that has been used a lot in society. For 15 months, we met each Tuesday night on Zoom, hosted by Sandy Sanford and Paul Sampson. We never missed a week in all those months. We learned how to rehearse on Zoom, with everyone muting themselves except Laura, and in that manner we were still able to learn our music and create around 10 audio and/or video recordings for our liturgies. Folks in the choir became more and more confident with recording on their cell phones!

Then, in the summer, we were able to come back to choral singing, and the assembly was finally able to sing out loud and strong, until once again, we had to pivot and go back to Zoom for the fall. It is frustrating, but we do it all with joy. To quote our beloved choir member Anne-Marie Hackenberger before she passed away, when Bill McMurray asked her what message she has for the choir, she said: “Keep on singing”. And so we do! We thank Betsey Beckman, Sharie Bowman, and Ben Ash for supporting our ministry during these times!

Laura Ash, Music Director



Liturgy Commission

Liturgy Planning has faced unprecedented challenges as Covid-19 alters the way we celebrate liturgy. We meet via Zoom to plan and develop liturgies that are inclusive of our diverse congregation and the multifaceted complications of celebrating Mass both live in the church and streaming via Facebook to our online congregants. For “extraordinary” liturgies, our task is further complicated by the complexity of sharing one Priest-celebrant with COH. Within the norms of the mass, our collaborative team continues to spend many hours creating artistic and meaningful worship for both the physical church community and the online worshipping community.

Eileen Murphy



Liturgical Movement Ministry

Movement Ministry at St. Pat's has had a busy and unusual year! In the fall of 2020, our little troupe gathered outdoors on the steps of St. Pat's to film **Walk Together Children** with a guest artist (African American dancer friend from Seattle's FAME community.) We are all learning to walk together in new ways! 2020's **Advent Lessons and Carols Service** was online with Christ Our Hope and featured a story dance by Betsey Beckman interpreting Denise Levertov's beautiful poem – **The Annunciation**. **Christmas Eve Mass** included a pre-recorded heartfelt **Candle Dance** to **Silent Night** with kids & youth, and also a Zoom-filmed interpretation of the **Christmas Gospel** with shepherds and angels galore!

The Lenten season brought another beautiful zoom Service with the whole community gesturing **Song of Brigid** (by Laura Ash.) Also, for the 5th Sunday of Lent, the choir and youth from far and wide interpreted **Christ in Me Arise**. We continued our tradition of **Palm Sunday CLOW**, once again online with the youth enacting each scene of the Passion Story. Triduum saw Betsey "live" in church embodying the Good Friday psalm – **Abba, Abba**. **Easter Vigil Prelude** was celebrated by many St. Pat's folks who prayed with a video retrospective of our unique movement proclamations through the years. **Easter Sunday** Betsey was back at church embodying the psalm – **This is the Day**. After communion we offered a mixed media presentation of "live" folks joining with a video of at-home parishioners (including L'Arche and Deaf-Blind participants) all signing **Roll Away the Stone** together! We concluded Easter Sunday with the youth participating with kites in our festive recessional – **Behold the Glory of God**.

By Pentecost, we were all feeling safe enough to gather in church to share our joyous multi-generational enactment of the **Pentecost Story!** We also included a video of **Shine On Us** (by Mike Lynch) recorded by the choir and gestured by over 50 community members. The Spirit was shining on us and through us!

Now that the fall has begun again, we have celebrated the Feast of St. Francis with our big & little kids dancing our favorite **All God's Critters** as a recessional. Also, Lorraine Bayes and Betsey offered a communion meditation blessing to a setting of the Diné/Navajo Prayer – **In Beauty We Walk** (with choir recording at home). May the Spirit continue to dance through us!

Betsey Beckman

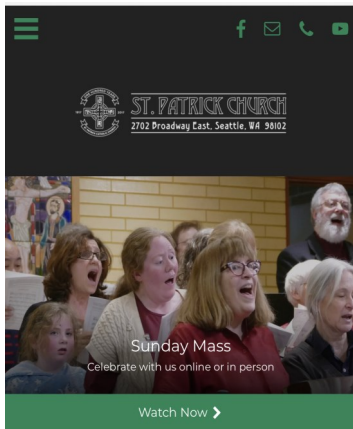


Liturgical Highlights

30	Members of the Choir
14	Cantors
18	Lectors
59	Ushers / Hospitality



Communication / Technology / Livestream



St. Patrick's former website had been in place for many years and the older site made it difficult for staff and volunteers to keep the content updated. With the COVID-19 pandemic lock down, the need for effective communication was heightened as people were isolated in their homes, unable to come to mass in person and needed other ways of connecting with the community. Since Christ Our Hope's website was already hosted on eCatholic, with more modern and intuitive website tools, Deacon Dennis wanted us to standardize on that platform.

After getting the go ahead in the fall of 2020, we worked to learn the new platform and create a design that would be intuitive, easy to navigate and represent the many facets of St. Patrick's. We have pages for all the ministries, sign up forms, an events calendar, and links to online giving and the connection board, where parishioners can hold online discussions on certain central topics of interest. Most importantly, people can find St. Patrick's, sign up for in-person mass or watch online and continue our community together. We hope to create a team where we can share the upkeep of the website, connection board and the livestream mass duties in the future.

Kim and Tom Stege

The Livestream team got its start about a year and a half ago when the COVID-19 pandemic bore down on Seattle and the rest of the country. Thrust into lockdown, no one was allowed to attend mass in person anymore. The solution that was found was to bring mass to those that were homebound. Nick Marson from Christ Our Hope helped us get a team off the ground and streaming, and ever since we have been putting mass up on Facebook Live and our website so that people can view mass from the safety of their homes. At the start of the pandemic, we had 100 households watching mass consistently every week. As restrictions have loosened, more and more people have come back in person, however we still have a consistent group of people that watch online every week. Amazingly, people from France and Ireland are even able to see our service! After sharing equipment for multiple months, we were able to purchase our own hardware and now have 3 cameras operating each Sunday to capture ASL interpretation and smoothly transition between parts of the mass. We have been able to incorporate videos and slideshows provided by other ministries and have broadcast weddings and funerals for friends and family who cannot attend.



Ryan Stege



Sister Parish Workgroup

The Sister Parish Work Group of the Social Justice Committee continued to foster our solidarity with the community of Nueva Trinidad, El Salvador in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic. This included financial support of our two major initiatives: social programs and food distribution to elderly members of the community; and support for the community center. This year, we also committed support for internet in the community center for three more years. Additional funds were sent to support the community's Covid response. We celebrated our solidarity at Christmas when our brothers and sisters shared pictures of themselves with candles, which were set to music. Activities undertaken by St. Pat's parishioners included advocating for former Nueva Trinidad pastor Padre Miguel, who was threatened for standing up for free and fair elections in El Salvador in February. In March we commemorated the life and assassination of Saint Oscar Romero with a Sunday liturgy featuring Spanish songs and a reflection by long-time Sister Parish member Kate Speltz. We held fundraisers including Women's Night In and a Lenten Tree of Hope by which St. Pat's parishioners offered financial and prayer support, and messages of solidarity to our sister parish. For 2021-22, we plan on continuing to support Nueva Trinidad through social/community-building fundraisers.



Kate Speltz & Maureen Little



Sacraments	
5	Baptisms
7	First Communions
1	Confirmations
5	Funerals
2	Marriages

Sacramental Prep

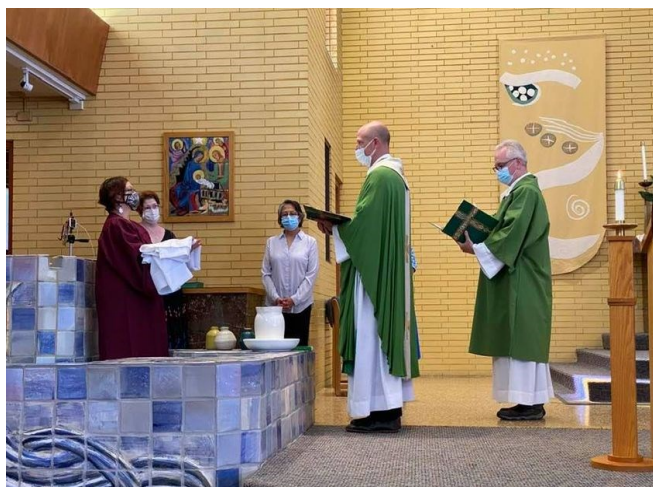
In our Christian tradition, when we speak of the word liturgy, it is understood to mean the People of God participating in “the work of God.” Through the liturgy, Christ continues the work of our redemption in, with, and through his Church.

From the tables of Word and Sacrament, our parish is fed, strengthened and transformed to accompany our brothers and sisters, especially the poor and vulnerable. While Sunday has remained the primary day for the community to gather, our normal course of sacramental celebrations including infant Baptisms, First Communions, Confirmation, Reconciliation, adult initiation through the parish’s robust RCIA process, funerals and even weddings were adapted to respect Covid regulations. And as such, they can only happen when people are prepared for the sacraments through our Sacramental Preparation program. To serve the needs of our parishioners, the parish offers a full array of opportunities for preparation and reception of the church’s sacraments.

This year, we offered RCIA adapted for Children, RCIA for adults, Spanish RCIA, and RCIA for Reception into Full Communion with the Church.

The driving force of our parish Sacramental Preparation Program is the belief that our faith is a gift to be celebrated, nurtured, and lived. We are taught early in life that God, above all things, is love, and His love is perfect and unconditional. We believe learning about God is sharing His love and treating our faith as the sacred gift it is.

Deanna Tighe, Pastoral Associate



Financial report for Fiscal Year 2020 - 2021

The following statements outline the financial activity and position of St. Patrick for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 and the budget recommended by the Finance Council and approved by the Pastoral Coordinator for fiscal year 2020-21.

Statement of Activities

Parish Operations / Programs	Actual JUL'20-JUN '21	New Budget JUL'21-JUN '22
Income		
Ordinary Income	\$ 278,949	\$ 315,000
Other Income *	* 153,136	* 41,103
Total Income	\$432,482	\$ 356,103
Expenses		
Wages & Benefits	\$ 234,082	\$ 228,527
Contracted Services & Lease	30,121	27,957
Operations & Maintenance	56,181	40,900
Programs (Includes Legal Assistance) **	** 56,147	** 22,038
Archdiocesan Assessments	30,162	28,412
Supplies	3,666	5,980
Donations to Partner Agencies	12,454	14,000
Hospitality & Celebrations	200	200
Business Expense	6,470	10,600
Total Expenses	\$ 429,482	\$ 378,614
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 2,603	\$ (22,511)

Source of Other Income above *

Other Gifts	\$ 40,518	\$ 6,695
Restricted Donations	\$ 36,720	
Annual Catholic Appeal	\$ 4,152	
Called to Serve Rebate	\$ 15,304	
PPP Loan Forgiveness	\$ 30,900	
All Other Income	\$ 25,542	\$ 34,408
	* \$ 153,136	\$ 41,103

Detail of Program Expenses above **

Fulcrum / Rainbow Schools	9,404	12,818
Legal Assistance Fund	35,220	
Noel House	4,164	
Formation / Education	3,051	5,000
Music / Liturgy / Other	4,308	4220
	** \$ 56,147	\$ 22,038

Statement of Financial Position

Assets		
Cash on Hand	\$	137,156
Reserve Savings		300,558
Designated Savings ***		*** 88,180
Prepaid Expenses		1,574
Fixed Assets		2,012,703
Total Assets	\$	2,540,171
Liabilities and Unrecognized Revenue		
Short-term Payables	\$	1,000
Special Collections		1,733
Restricted Revenues		91,305
Total Liabilities	\$	94,038
Fund Balance	\$	2,446,133
Total Liabilities & Fund Balance	\$	2,540,171

Designated Savings ***

Facility Maintenance Fund	9,986
Paddy's Bathrooms	11,421
Jubilee Fund	28,481
Legal Defense Fund	38,292
	*** \$ 88,180



St. Vincent de Paul

We had 90 requests for help this year. There were 20 people who asked for help more than once and a couple more than twice. We helped only 4 families, and there were some folks that we did not help.

Most of our money went toward rent: \$11,800. \$1500 went to utilities including phones. \$1030 went toward furniture and clothing. There was \$740 for food and hygiene items; \$240 for ORCA cards and \$340 for storage lockers for homeless folks. In addition, we sent \$4500 to the needy Conference Fund. The main office gives money to conferences, mainly in the South end. Some of the parishes there get 25 or more calls a month so the funds we share allow them to fill needs.

Note about the folks we did not help. We receive requests and then try to reach the folks. The phone numbers or email addresses are wrong or no one responds. Then there are the requests that are way beyond our ability to help. We had one for \$6000 in back rent. We were able to refer that request back to the main office and the person was entered into one of the major city aid programs. He was awarded enough to cover his past due rent.

Thanks you again for your support!

John and Anne Baisch, Dick Tosdale & Mari Ortblad



Stewardship and Evangelization

Stewardship and Evangelization continue to be one of the cornerstones of St. Patrick parish identity. Parishioners serve our church and local community through the sharing of their many gifts. These dedicated and committed parishioners, giving freely of their time, talent, and treasure without expecting return, create an atmosphere that invites and encourages others to become involved and sets a positive example for the entire parish community. Things looked very different during the pandemic this past year, but we continue to work together and find creative and safe ways to stay connected in faith. Thank you to all our parishioners.

Deanna Tighe, Pastoral Associate



Sacred Encounters

On Wednesday of Holy Week, we launched our new Sacred Encounters ministry. This group of volunteers meets each Wednesday to walk the streets around downtown Seattle, building relationships with our un-housed sisters and brothers, and providing much-needed survival items to those in need.

St. Patrick and Christ Our Hope parishioners have pulled together to make sure that each week this year as we greet our friends on the street we've had at least 50 fresh PBJ to hand everyone who wanted one. We also collect needed "survival" items for this effort thanks to our generous parishioners.

Sacred Encounters allows our paired parish community to better be a part of what Pope Francis calls a Culture of Encounter with those suffering on the peripheries. The smiles brought to the faces of our friends are the presence of Jesus himself among us.

Liza Neal



Youth Faith Formation

The youth group spent this COVID year continuing to grow, pray and laugh together. We were unable to meet in person weekly, but we did gather over Zoom for Sunday evening formation. We chose to learn about and discuss topics that are a part of our lives and seeing how our Catholicism impacts those issues. This provided youth with the opportunities to discuss topics while continuing to gather. A highlight was the month of February where we focused on Life and Dignity of the Human Person and had parishioners share life topics as guest speakers. Throughout the year we gathered outside monthly for either a social service activity like creating the care packages to hand out to those in need. We also gathered for a hike, a bike ride and ended the year with a beach BBQ. Lastly, we had the honor to have a few of our youth families go to Whatcom County to work with the Service Program: Agape. We spent the 3 days in service to migrant worker families. Throughout the year these gatherings were opportunities for our youth community to come together as members of St. Patrick Parish, allowing our young people to appreciate how their service and sacrifice helped families in need and to build relationships in encounters on the peripheries. What a blessing to help share these lessons.

Mickey Dunn, Youth Group Leader



Growth and Sustainability

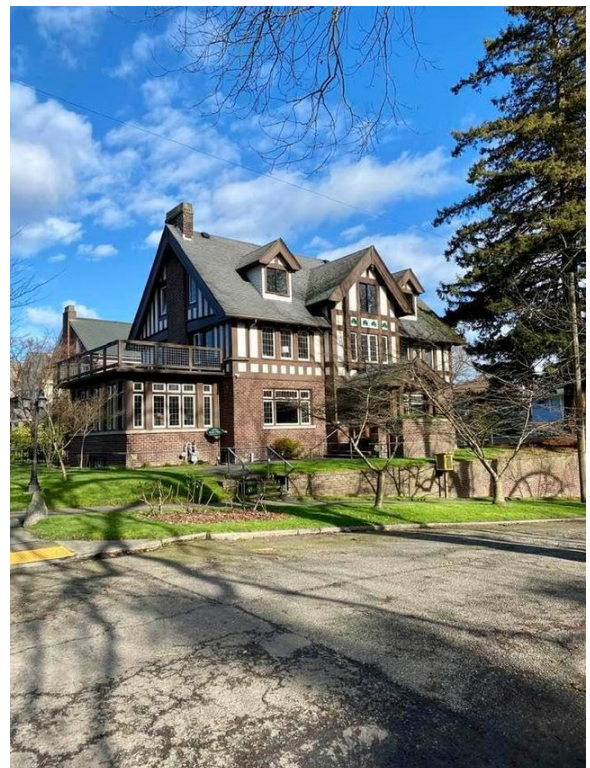
The Growth and Sustainability Committee has had an active year, making connections with local neighborhoods and parishes. The year began with an outreach to our zip code to support our youth group's collection of gloves, hats and socks. The group continues to promote St. Pats via online 98102 neighborhood forums and Nextdoor, highlighting our labyrinth and providing information about our work and needs for St. Vincent de Paul, as well as reaching out to other areas such as the Portage Bay/Roanoke Park/Montlake to support the St. Pats and Christ Our Hope initiatives in reaching out to people experiencing homelessness by making and distributing sandwiches and purchasing items for survival kits.

In 2020 we introduced the idea of connecting St. Pats with Seattle Prep, which resulted in Prep using Paddy's Place for AP testing and Covid vaccinations in May of 2021 and parking during this school year. Also in May, we continued our relationship with Seattle Gay News by negotiating advertising and opinion articles.

Two very important events have occurred over the summer. First, in July St. Pats joined the parishes of St. James and St. Joe's and signed a letter from 14 US Bishops and many Catholic orders supporting the Tyler Clementi Foundation protecting LGBTQ+ youth from harassment, bullying and suicide. And in August, the committee joined with neighbors to put welcome kits together from refugee families from Afghanistan.

We look forward to continuing to work with our local neighborhoods, and are connecting with the University Food Bank to have a food donation barrel placed at St. Pats.

Peggy O'Brien Murphy, John Hale, Pete DeLaunay, John Dunn, Kathy Shea and Ginny Kenyon



Deaf / Deaf-Blind / ASL Ministry

In the early 1980's when the Parish Council was considering providing interpreting for the Deaf community it was made clear that if interpreting was to be provided it must be available in every church activity and that every event must be accessible to Deaf members from birth to death. Through the years, Deaf members have been on the Parish Council, served on parish committees, have attended retreats, have participated in Faith Formation classes, and have participated in the RCIA program for baptism and confirmation. It wasn't long after we began this ministry that we had members from the Deaf/Blind community join us. This past year, the ASL team returned to its normal scheduling of interpreters for the deaf and deaf-blind as our community returned to in-person Mass. Our dedicated team still offers a rotating group to ensure we have signing on all virtual Masses, but our tactile team has been allowed to return with the lifting of some of the Governor's mandates. What a blessing to have our community reunited once again.

John Dunn



