

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH

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December 23, 2018 - The Fourth Sunday of Advent

The central mission of our parish is evangelization - proclaiming the Kingdom of God and seeking it before all else.

Please contact us if you have any questions about our parish, Catholic faith, personal spirituality, or parish involvement. If you are new to our parish, please contact us; we would love to meet with you! To become a registered parishioner here, please complete a parish registration form, which can be found on the bulletin table in the Gathering Area.

MASS SCHEDULE & HOURS



Mass

Saturday Vigil

5:00 p.m.

Sunday

8:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

Monday-Friday

5:30 p.m.



Adoration

Alternate Mondays

6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.

Thursdays

6:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.

First Fridays

6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.



Reconciliation

Saturday

4:00 p.m. (or by appointment)



Office Hours

Tuesday- Friday

9 a.m.- 5 p.m.

STAFF DIRECTORY

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GROW IN FAITH

Baptism

In the waters of baptism we are washed clean, freed from sin, and reborn as sons and daughters of God. Please contact Deacon Mick to sign up for a baptismal preparation class.

Marriage Preparation

To prepare for marriage, you and your fiancé will meet with one of our priests or deacons for minimum of six months. If you are journeying toward marriage, please contact Deacon Mick.

Children's Faith Formation

Our children's faith formation is for Pre-K - 5th grade. We meet every Sunday morning from 10-11:15am, October - May. Contact John Barrientes.

Middle School Youth Ministry

Every Sunday from 3-5 p.m., our middle school youth come together to have fun and praise God. Contact Paige Christensen.

High School Youth Ministry

We challenge St. Patrick's Parish Youth to desire Christ in a deep and meaningful way. Join us every Sunday from 3-5 pm! Contact Paige Christensen.

Young Adult Ministry

Whether we are hiking, camping, singing music, sharing a meal, or on our knees in Adoration, Christ is our focus. We meet every Monday at 7 pm in the JPll House. Contact John Barrientes.

Young Families Adoration

Every second Thursday of the month, from 6-7pm, Adoration in the Chapel will be a welcoming space specific for those babies and toddlers with the wiggles and giggles.

Bible Studies

There are four parish opportunities to study the Bible. Catholic Scripture Study groups meet on Monday evenings, and Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. Our Thursday morning group meets to study the coming Sunday's readings. Contact LouAnn or Tom at 337-3506 for more information.

ACTS Retreats

Encounter Christ on this powerful 3-night, 3-day retreat. For more information email acts@st.patsak.org.

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is designed to deepen the personal relationship one has with Christ while learning more about the Catholic Faith. The RCIA year begins in September and ends at Easter. Contact John Barrientes.

Men's & Women's Small Groups

As brothers and sisters united in Christ, we support one another on our spiritual journey. In small groups of 6 to 12 people, men and women meet weekly with one another to deepen their faith together. Contact John Barrientes.

S.P.R.E.D.

SPRED is religious education for our friends with special needs. We meet on Monday nights in the church. For more information contact the parish office.

Legion of Mary

We are a World Wide Service Apostolate dedicated to Mary, serving our parish and community. We meet every Tuesday, 6:15pm in the JPll House. Contact Pat Ford through the parish office.

SERVE OTHERS

Knights of Columbus

St. Patrick's Council meets on the first Wednesday of each month (Member's Only), with the social meeting on the third Wednesday (Open to All). Meeting begins at 7pm. Meetings take place in the Deacons Hall.

Brother Francis Foot Care Clinic

St. Patrick's volunteers provide service twice monthly in the Brother Francis Shelter Foot Care Ministry. Please contact the office or talk with Judy Everard, ministry coordinator, if you would like to help with this important service to our neighbors in need.

Parish Nurses

Help our parishioners stay healthy by serving as a parish nurse. Parish nurses serve our parishioners by taking blood pressures and other health screenings. Please contact the parish office for more information.

Liturgy

Join our Liturgy Teams and become a Sacristan, a Children's Liturgy of The Word Leader, an Extraordinary Minister of Communion, Lector, or Greeter! Contact the parish office if you are interested.

Music Ministry

We are always looking for parishioners to join our music ministers who lead us in song during Mass. To join one of our choirs, please approach one of our music ministers after Mass.

Children's Formation

We are always looking for adults to teach our children the faith by being strong witnesses! If you love working with children and are living out the faith joyously, contact John Barrientes to get involved.

Youth Ministry Core Team

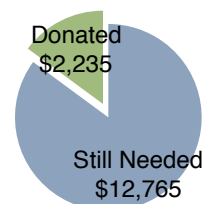
Have you ever thought about ministering to and mentoring the youth of our parish? If you're on fire with the faith and want to evangelize our youth, join our youth ministry core team! Contact Paige Christensen.

Bereavement Ministry

The Church ministers to the sorrowing and consoles them in the funeral rites with the comforting Word of God and the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Bereavement Ministry is a wonderful way to share in our parish family. Contact Bill Groom at stpatsbcak@gmail.com for more information.

Parish Missionary Sponsorship

Pledge to support a St. Patrick's Parish Missionary who is volunteering a year of service in ministry to college students at UAA and APU. Donation envelopes are available in the pews.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Mass Schedule

Please plan to join us for the Celebration of the Solemnity of The Nativity of the Lord! We will celebrate **Masses on Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24th, at 5pm, 7pm, 9pm and Midnight.** The singing of carols will begin one half hour before each Mass. **Mass on Christmas Day will be at 11am** with the singing of carols beginning at 10:30.

Christmas Choir Thanks!

Thanks to all our Christmas Choir members! Thank you for leading us in praise to Our God as we celebrate the Birth of Jesus!

Parish Directory 2019

Have you made your appointment to have your picture taken to be included in our new parish photo directory? A new directory will be a great help in getting to know our fellow parishioners. Ron Kuczek of Alaska Photo Network will take the pictures and produce the directory. Ron will be in the gathering area before and after all the Masses this weekend taking appointments for photography sessions and taking pictures.. Please plan to be a part of our Parish Directory 2019!

Church Decoration Time

It's time once again to prepare our church for the great celebration of Christmas! We will decorate on Monday, December 24th, beginning at 10am. We only have one day to decorate, so please consider joining us for one or two hours, or stay until the work is done. Families are welcome. Many hands will make the work go quickly. Please join us on Monday at 10am.

Warm Clothing Drive

The St. Pat's Music Ministry is collecting warm clothing for those in need, especially at Brother Francis Shelter. Many people in the Anchorage area—the poor, the homeless—do NOT have clothing suited to our long, cold winters. Someone NEEDS what you have stuck away: coats, hats, gloves, scarves, boots, pants, shirts, sweaters. Even warm socks or outdated long johns can make a difference! As an Advent gift, won't you please dig through your closets and other storage for something your neighbor needs? Boxes for donations are located in the Gathering Area throughout Advent.

Bulletin Inserts Online

December Parish Calendar/Christmas Mass Schedule/Climate Change Info Sheet/Music Ministry News/Warm Clothing Appeal

Our Lady of Grace

Our Lady of Grace has returned to the Marian Shrine in The Cloister. Many thanks to Duggan and Roberto who worked to refinish our statue, and who donated all the related shipping and handling costs. Thanks also to our parish volunteer crew who prepared the statue for shipping, and reinstalled the statue after it was returned to us, and just in time for Christmas. Please take a moment after Mass to stop in the shrine and offer a prayer of thanks for those who worked to restore our beautiful statue of Our Lady of Grace.

Seekers Group

Do you have questions about the Catholic Faith? Know someone who does, and may not yet be ready for the RCIA process? Our parish Seekers Group may be just right for you! The Seekers Group is an informal gathering for discussion of what it means to be Catholic. Please call the parish office at 337-1538 for more information. Please join us and invite a friend!

SEEK Conference 2019

The Parish Missionaries are taking St. Pat's college students to SEEK2019 in Indianapolis, Indiana, to encounter Christ and learn to joyfully live out the Gospel of the Lord! Please consider joining us on this mission by sponsoring one of our students through airline mile and monetary donations. Contact Vyvian Lucio if you feel called to join us in this mission, and if you have any questions. luciovyvian@gmail.com

Lector Workbooks for 2019

The lector workbooks for the new liturgical year are now available on the table in the main sacristy. All lectors are invited to stop in to the sacristy after Mass and pick up your copy of the new lector workbook. Thank you for serving our parish community!

Bookkeeper for SEAS

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in south Anchorage needs a full-time bookkeeper starting February 1, 2019. Duties include: Accounts receivable/payable, electronic banking, payroll, taxes, bank reconciliations, weekly deposits and donation postings, budgeting, financial reports, others duties as needed under the direction of the pastor. Pay depending on experience. Must be willing to submit to a background check. Please send resume to: frpatrick@akseas.net

Advent Sale Thanks

The caretakers of the Marian Shrine thank you for supporting the Advent Sale. We sold 32 candle sets and 10 wreaths. The proceeds from this sale including donations were \$339. This money will be used to purchase votive candles for the Marian Shrine which are lit for holy days, feast days and funerals throughout the year. We pray that lighting of your Advent candles will bring you joy as you remember God's promise to our world - Christ our Light and our Hope will come!

FY18 Financial Report

The Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2018 is available on the bulletin in the gathering area. Thank you once again for your consistently strong financial support of our parish! Please pick up a copy of the report and call John Gagnon in the parish office if you have any questions. Thank you!

Kitchen Towel Round Up

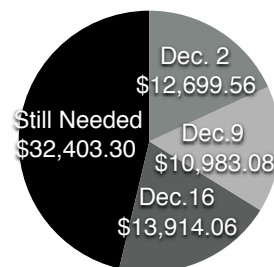
Have you helped with an event in the Deacons Hall lately and kindly taken home some dirt towels to launder? If so, Thank You! And, please bring the clean towels back -- we are running short. Please drop the towels off at the hall or at the parish office between 9am and 5pm, Tuesday through Friday. Thank you!

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Goal for the Month of
December: \$70,000.00

Total Thus Far Collected:
\$37,596.70

Still Needed: \$32,403.30



READINGS & INTENTIONS

Fourth Sunday of Advent Sunday - 12/23/18

Micah 5:1-4A
Psalm: 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19
Hebrews 10:5-10
Luke 1:39-45
Mass Intentions:
Sat. 5:00pm - Mr. Robert de Maillard, R.O.S.
Mr. Pierre De Smiers, R.O.S.
Sun. 8:30pm - People of the Parish
Sun. 11:30am - Corinne Heidemann, R.O.S.
Sun. 5:00pm - Michelle Fornelli, Birthday Blessings
Birthdays: Jericho King DiRamos, Rosemaire Hernandez,
Farrah Martinez

Monday - 12/24/18 - The Vigil of Christmas

Isaiah 62:1-5
Psalm 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25
Matthew 1:1-25
Mass Intentions:
5pm - Living & Deceased Members of S. Nicholson's Family
7pm - Dave & Margo Carey, R.O.S.
9pm - (No Incense) Noel Reyes, R.O.S.
Birthdays: Alessandra Lucero, Aurora Pantaleone

Tuesday - 12/25/18 - The Nativity of the Lord - Christmas Mass During the Night (Midnight Mass)

Isaiah 9:1-6
Psalm 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12,13
Titus 2:11-14
Luke 2:1-14
Mass Intentions: Christian Prado, R.O.S. and
Kathleen Denman, R.O.S.
Birthdays: David Blumhorst, Claire Kuchar

The Nativity of the Lord - Christmas - Mass During The Day

Isaiah 52:7-10
Psalm 98: 1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6
Hebrews 1:1-6
John 1:1-18
Mass Intention: People of the Parish

Wednesday - 12/26/18 - Saint Stephen, Martyr (No 5:30pm Daily Mass)

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-58
Psalm: 31:3cd-4, 6 & 8ab, 16bc & 17
Matthew 10:17-22
Birthdays: Iason Coleman, Tutuatasi Liua, Daniel McCreadie

Thursday - 12/27/18 - Saint John, Apostle & Evangelist

Mass Intention: Joan Steltenpohl, R.O.S.
1John 1:1-4
Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12
Matthew 1:26-38
Birthdays: Zane Hansen, Indiana Lucas,
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Friday - 12/28/18 - The Holy Innocents

Mass Intention: Leeann Anderson, Birthday Blessings
1John 1:5-2:2
Psalm: 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8
Matthew 2:13-18
Birthday: Michael Lucas

Saturday - 12/29/18 - St. Thomas Becket

1 John 2:3-11
Psalm: 96:1-2a, 2b-3 5b-6
Luke 2:22-35
Birthdays: Marella Ferreira, Austin Maxwell

December 23 - December 28, 2018

Sunday - December 23

Directory Photos 8am - Gath Area
Traditional Choir Rehearsal 10:45am - Church
Directory Photos 12:30pm - Gath Area
Praise Choir Rehearsal 3pm - Church
Directory Photos 6:15pm - Gath Area

Monday - December 24 - Christmas Eve Parish Office Closed

Decoration of the Church 10am - 3pm - Church
Singing of Carols 4:30pm - Church
Mass 5pm - Church
Singing of Carols 6:30pm - Church
Mass 7pm - Church
Singing of Carols 8:30pm - Church
Mass (without Incense) 9pm - Church
Singing of Carols 11pm - Church

Tuesday - December 25 - Christmas Day - Office Closed

Midnight Mass 12AM - Church
Singing of Carols 10:30am - Church
Mass 11am - Church

Wednesday, December 26, 2018

Feast of St. Stephen - Office Closed
No Daily Mass at 5:30pm

SCHEDULE

Thursday - December 27, 2018

Adult Faith Study Group 10am - Hospitality Rm
Directory Photos 4pm - Gath Area
Rosary 5pm - Chapel
Legion of Mary 5:30pm - Cenacle
Mass 5:30pm - Chapel
Adoration for Vocations & Project Rachel 6pm - Chapel
Traditional Choir Rehearsal 7pm - Church

Friday - December 28

Rosary 5pm - Chapel
Mass 5:30pm - Chapel
Samoan Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm - Church

Saturday - December 29

SoulCore Group II 8am - Cenacle
SoulCore Exercise Group 9:30am - Cenacle
Directory Photos 3pm - Gath Area
Contemporary Choir Rehearsal 3:45pm - Church
Confessions 4pm - Recon Rm
K of C Rosary 4:30pm - Chapel
Directory Photos 6:15pm - Gath Area
Samonan Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm - Church
AA 8pm - Tara

May God richly bless our Parish Community
as we celebrate
the Birth of Jesus!