

October 13, 2019

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



**WELCOME TO
SAINT PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH**
"To proclaim the Kingdom of God, and seek it before all else."



2111 Muldoon Road
Anchorage, Alaska 99504
Parish Offices: 907-337-1538
Web Address: www.st.patsak.org

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tues - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Mass Schedule

Monday-Friday 5:30 p.m.
Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

Holy Day Mass Schedule:

Vigil: 5:30 p.m., Holy Day: 9 a.m. & 7 p.m.

FAITH FORMATION

Sundays during the school year at 9:30-11:00 a.m.

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Leo Walsh, J.C.L., S.Th.D. - Pastor
fr.leo@st.patsak.org
blog: <https://frleowalsh.com>

Rev. Dan Hebert - Parochial Vicar
livenowdan@gmail.com

Dcn. Mick Fornelli - Deacon
mfornelli@st.patsak.org

John Gagnon - Business Manager/Facilities
jgagnon@st.patsak.org

John Barrientes—Pastoral Associate
jbarrientes@st.patsak.org

Paige Mendoza - Youth Ministry
pchristensen@st.patsak.org

Samantha Yee - Parish Missionary
syee@st.patsak.org

Sally Nicholson - Parish Secretary/Outreach
snicholson@st.patsak.org

Rima Ostrom - Administrative Assistant
rostrom@st.patsak.org

Margaret Simmons - Music Director
queenowrits@arctic.net



Intentional Gratitude

You don't see many real lepers these days. Treatment with sulfite-based medications in the 60's, and now antibiotics such as dapsone, rifampicin, and clofazimine allow for the cure of Hansen's disease, as leprosy is more properly known. Today, the disease and the stigma that accompanied it are almost completely unknown today...Almost.

Believe it or not, the United States still has a leper colony located at Kalaupapa on the Island of Moloka'i in Hawaii. Of the 8000 people that were forcibly sent there beginning in 1865, six of the 16 surviving patients still remain. The youngest is 79 year-old Clarence "Boogie" Kahilihiwa. Boogie was diagnosed with Hansen's disease at the age of 18. He was taken from his family, and sent to Kalaupapa in 1959. While other former residents have gone to live with family on the mainland or elsewhere, Boogie has chosen to stay. Kalaupapa is the only real home he has known.

I met Boogie a few years ago when I went to Kalaupapa at the invitation of Bishop Larry Silva of Honolulu. In the course of our visit, I stopped by the only library and bookstore of the town. Boogie was standing by the counter greeting people as they came by. He was a very jovial fellow. Still, the disease had not left him untouched. He was bald as an egg, was missing a finger or two, and one of his feet was in a modified boot. He had a voice of pure gravel that emerged from a radiant smile. When he saw me, his eyes lit up and he said, "Hey are you a priest?!"

"You bet!" I replied.

"Say, could I get a blessing from you?"

"Sure," I said. Then I said the priestly blessing over him, planted my hand firmly on his bowed forehead as I finished. He dutifully made the Sign of the Cross and then vigorously should my hand. "No loss of strength there," I thought, as my knuckles cried out for mercy.

"Hey, thanks a lot, Father!" he said. "Thanks for coming."

When I think back on my encounter with Boogie, I was struck by his final words of gratitude more than anything else. Here is a man who by the standards of the world, has every right to be bitter and resentful. Instead, he radiated a spirit of joy and gratitude. Other residents shared with us that one of the things we needed to tell people was the essential role that the Church played in their lives on Kalaupapa. It could have been a dismal place, but instead their faith gave them dignity and hope. They chose to be grateful.

There is a lesson to be learned here. The intentional disciple is intentionally grateful. The grateful heart cannot be bitter or resentful, even in what might otherwise be the worst of circumstances. Such is the power of the Gospel.



New to the Parish? Welcome!

Please take a moment to stop by the office! We would love to meet you and show you around.

IN THE ARCHDIOCESE AND AROUND TOWN

Glory Bound Winter Retreat

Join the Glory Bound retreat December 2019: separate high school and middle school sessions! Register at www.stthereseak.com Return to St. Therese's Camp this December for 3 days of fun, faith and friends. The Glory Bound winter retreat provides a great opportunity to reconnect with your faith and the camp community. Our staff leads three days chock full of fun activities including sledding, playing on the frozen lake, snowball fights, music, and more. We will also have Mass, confession, adoration, cabin talks, and a variety of spiritually-focused sessions. Kids in grades 6-8: December 28-30, 2019. cost: \$99 before October 25; \$106 after October 25. High schoolers (grades 9-12): December 30, 2019-January 1, 2020. cost: \$109 before October 25; \$118 after October 25. Some financial aid available. Contact director Rudy Poglitsch at (907) 232-2066 or campdirector@stthereseak.com with any questions.

Marriage Encounter Circles

Worldwide Marriage Encounter will host an information table sharing opportunity for enriching your marriage here at St. Patrick's. On Saturday, October 19th, directly after the 5pm Mass, over in the Deacons Hall. All married couples, priests and religious are invited to gather for prayer, a short presentation and exercise exploring how our personality styles affect our relationships. All sharing remains confidential to the married couple unless they choose to share it with the circle. Please bring a snack to share! Children are welcome! For more information on Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend experiences, activities and enrichments please visit our website: <http://alaskawwme.org>, email bill.sherry.tunilla@wwme.org, or call or text 907-250-5885.

Fr. Michael Shield's 40th Anniversary!

Come Share 40 years of priesthood with Fr Michael Shields at St. Elizabeth Seton Parish at 2901 E. Huffman November 2nd. Mass at 5:30 p.m. Pot luck to follow (please bring food to share). Drinks provided. Come for an evening full of fun, reflections, a short video on the Magadan Mission, with thanks for all God has done for us.

Brother Francis Foot Care Ministry

Our parish's next service in the Brother Francis Foot Care Ministry will be this Wednesday, October 23, at 5pm, at the Shelter. 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 NEWS AND NOTES

C.H.A.O.S.

Thanks to everyone who made the Family Show a big success! We couldn't do it without the Knights of Columbus. And now...it's almost time! You don't want to miss the action and adventure. Sponsored by the St. Patrick's Knights of Columbus, Oktoberfest is a great time to get together with friends and enjoy a great a great dinner and wonderfully funny original musical play. **The Really Big Show with dinner is Friday, October 18** (doors open at 6PM) and includes a great Oktoberfest dinner prepared by the Knights of Columbus. **We need lots of help! And we need Parishioners to bring desserts.** Sign up to help serve or clean up and sign up to bring a dessert. Tickets (\$20 per person) are available after all the masses, at the Parish Office, or from any cast member.

Men's Ora et Labora

Men's Morning of Reflection and work is coming back. Ora et Labora, Prayer and Work - one of St. Benedict's rules. Come join us men at 9am, Saturday, October 26th for Reconciliation and Adoration followed by a talk prayer and then a work project. Come join us as we pray and work Saturday morning. Work will be done by 1pm. Childcare may be available. Please contact John Streit at 350-1722 if you need childcare, or with any other questions.

Additional Documents Online at www.st.patsak.org

October Parish Calendar
Bishop's Mission Sunday Collection Letter
Climate Change Information Sheet
2019 CHAOS Fall Flyer
World Marriage Encounter Flyer
2019 Advent Concert Flyer

**Special Collection Schedule
Next Weekend: World Missions**

PARISH NEWS AND NOTES

All Saints Day and All Souls Day

Friday, November 1st, is The Solemnity of All Saints, a holy day of obligation. We will celebrate three Masses for the Solemnity, a vigil Mass on Thursday, October 31st., at 5:30pm, and two Masses on November 1st at 9am and 7pm. On Saturday, November 2nd, All Souls' Day, we will celebrate our annual Mass of Remembrance at 5pm. Please join us on these holy days as we celebrate all those who have gone before us in faith.

Pancake Breakfast Next Sunday

Your St. Pat's Knights of Columbus will be cooking next Sunday after both the 8:30 and 11:30 Sunday morning. Join us in the Deacon's Hall for all your breakfast favorites — eggs, bacon, sausage, and, of course, Pancakes! Join us in the Deacons hall next Sunday Morning.

Bible & Liturgy Study Update

Space is still available for YOU to join an Adult Bible/Liturgy Study Group. Wednesday morning (10 AM) is studying 7 Deadly Sins-7 Heavenly Virtues. Thursday morning (10AM) the group discusses each Sunday's readings. Monday evening (6:30 PM) we will study The Mass or the conversion stories of 8 saints. Call LouAnn – 632-3206 – with your questions.

Thank you, Carol Miernyk!

For graciously arranging for the cleaning of all the liturgical vestments last month! Your generous gift of time, talent, and treasure are a wonderful expression of intentional discipleship.

12th Annual Advent Benefit Concert 2019 Save the Date!

This year's Advent Benefit Concert will be Friday, December 6, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. What a wonderful time of the year! Please join us for this prayerful concert of Advent music, poems, and stories to guide us through the waiting and watching.

St. Patrick's Seniors Luncheon Group Fund Raiser Dance

When: Friday, November 8, Time: 7-10 pm
Where: St. Patrick's Deacons Hall
Admission cost: \$10.00 - Snacks - Soft Drinks

Music Ministry News

It's October and time to think about what's coming up for the Music Ministry! Mark your calendars and warm up your voices; enrich your spiritual life through music. There are the Feast Days Choirs, the hymnals changeover, Advent Concert, and Christmas choirs. Instrumentalists are welcome too! Simply sign up, show up for rehearsals, and sing.

Sunday Collections October Goal \$56,500.00

<u>Sunday, October 6</u>	<u>\$12,782.54</u>
Total Collected Thus Far	\$12,582.54
 Still Needed	 \$43,717.46

Gluten Free Altar Breads

Are you on a gluten free diet due to health issues? If so, please talk with one of our sacristans before Mass. We have gluten free altar breads available for Communion for those on restricted diets. Our sacristan can make arrangements for you to receive a gluten free host.

Place your advertisement here!	CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE FOR DETAILS!	Place your advertisement here!	CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE FOR DETAILS!
CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE FOR DETAILS!	Place your advertisement here!	CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE FOR DETAILS!	Place your advertisement here!
Place your advertisement here!	CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE FOR DETAILS!	Place your advertisement here!	CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE FOR DETAILS!
CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE FOR DETAILS!	Place your advertisement here!	CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE FOR DETAILS!	Place your advertisement here!
Place your advertisement here!	CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE FOR DETAILS!	Place your advertisement here!	CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE FOR DETAILS!

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday Oct. 13 - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ablaze Faith Formation	10:00am - All Rooms
CGS Morning Session	10:00am - CGS Atrium
Traditional Choir Rehearsal	10:45am - Church
Mass with Men's ACTS Return	11:30am - Church
Men's ACTS Retreat Return Recpt.	12:30pm - Dcns Hall
CGS Afternoon Session	1:00pm - CGS Atrium
Praise Choir Rehearsal	3:00pm - Church
Youth Ministry	3:00pm - Dcns Hall
CHAOS Rehearsal	5:00pm - Dcns Hall

Monday, Oct. 14 - Columbus Day

Parish Office Closed

CSSI Adult Faith Study Group	6:00pm - Tara
SPRED Community	6:15pm - Hosp Rm
Eucharistic Adoration	6:00pm - Chapel

Tuesday, Oct. 15

Legion of Mary	6:15pm - Cenacle
RCIA	6:30pm - Tara
Praise Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm - Church
CGS Catechist Prep	7:00pm - CGS Atrium

Wednesday, Oct. 16

CSSI Adult Faith Study Group	10:00am - Hosp Rm
Center Prayer Group	12:30pm - Chapel
Folk Choir Rehearsal	6:00pm - Church
Men's ACTS Team Return Meeting	6:30pm - Hosp Rm
CHAOS Rehearsal	7:00pm - Dcns Hall

Thursday, Oct. 17

Adult Faith Study Group	10:00am - Hosp Rm
Seniors' Group Lunch & Meeting	12pm - Dcns Hall
Eucharistic Adoration	6:00pm - Chapel
Traditional Choir Rehearsal	6:30pm - Church
YM Core Team Meeting	6:30pm - Tara
CHAOS Rehearsal	7:00pm - Dcns Hall

Friday, Oct. 18

Oktoberfest Dinner & Show	6:30pm - Dcns Hall
Samoan Choir Rehearsal	7:30pm - Church

Saturday, Oct. 19

M-ACTS Pentecost Reunion	Church
Contemporary Choir Rehearsal	3:45pm - Church
Confessions	4:00pm - Recon Room
KofC Rosary	4:30pm - Chapel
Marriage Encounter Circles	6pm - Dcns Hall
Samoan Choir Rehearsal	6:30pm - Church
AA	8:00pm - Tara

Sunday, Oct. 20

KofC Pancake Breakfast	9:30am & 12:30 pm - Hall
Ablaze Faith Formation	10:00am - All Rooms
CGS Morning Session	10:00am - CGS Atrium
Traditional Choir Rehearsal	10:45am - Church
CGS Afternoon Session	1:00pm - CGS Atrium
Praise Choir Rehearsal	3:00pm - Church
Youth Ministry	3:00pm - Dcns Hall

READINGS

28th Sunday In Ordinary Time -October 13, 2019

2 KGS 5:14-17, PS:1, 222-3, 33-4, 22 TM 2:8-13, LK 17:11-19

Monday - St. Callistus, I. Pope & Martyr

Romans 1; 1-7, PS: 98:1BCDE, 2-3AB, 3CD-4, Luke 11:29-32

Tuesday: St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

Romans 1:16-25, Ps 19:2-3, 4-5, Luke 11:37-41

Wednesday: St. Hedwig, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

Romans 2:1-11, Psalm 62:2-3, 6-7, 9, Luke 11:42-46

Thursday: St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr

Romans 3:21-30, PS 1130:1B-2, 3-4, Luke 11:47-54

Friday: Feast of St. Luke, evangelist

2 Tm 4:10-17B PS. 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 Luke: 10:1-9

Saturday: Sts. John De Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues & Companions

Romans 4:13, 16-18, PS 105:6-7,8-9, 42-43, Luke 12:8-12

29th Sunday In Ordinary Time - October 20, 2019

Exodus 17:8-13, PS: 121, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 2TM 32:14,--4:2, LK 18

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat: 5:00pm **People of the Parish**

Sun: 8:30am **John Veker, Dennis Riski,
& Corrine Rowson, R.O.S.**

11:30am **Bobby Doubleday & Mary Nation, R.O.S.**
5:00pm

Mon: **Fr. Peter Gorges, R.O.S.**

Tues: **John Andrew Koop, Sr., R.O.S.**

Wed: **JoAnn Corack, Birthday Blessings**

Thurs: **Robert Corack, R.O.S.**

Fri: **Dawn Bennett, R.O.S.**

BIRTHDAYS!

Sun: **Sophia Bennett, Cora Kay Ellsworth,
Addison Kober Wigfield, Jacob Magill,**

Mon: **Kalynn Broberg**

Tues: **Michael Elias, Francis Mairura**

Wed: **Savannah Johnson, Karll Marshall, Claire
Matherne**

Thus: **Jordyn Augustine, Paitin Clark
Jack Voorhess**

Fri: **Autumn Crowley, Ashley Holmes,
Reece Kowal**

Sat: **Leah McDiffitt, Mackenzie Paige
Salvanera**

