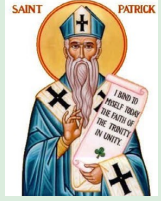


**Welcome to
Saint Patrick Catholic Church**
"To proclaim the Kingdom of God
and seek it before all else."



September 29, 2019

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
2111 Muldoon Road
Anchorage, Alaska 99504
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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.

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Having Eyes that See

Money is simply a resource. By itself, it is neither good nor evil. In the same way, in and of itself, having money is not a sin. So why did the rich man go to hell and Lazarus, the beggar, go to the bosom of Abraham? What is that he did not help him? We know that Lazarus longed for the scraps from the rich man's table, but it does not appear he ever received any of them. Was it that he looked down upon Lazarus as inferior or less than human? Perhaps. The sacred text just doesn't say.

In truth the answer is much more simple. The rich man simply did *see* Lazarus at all. He never was so much as a blip on his moral radar.

Years ago when I was Chair of the Catholic Social Services board, I wrote a guest column in the paper about street corner panhandlers and how passing motorists might best respond to their situation. Essentially, I said that while it was never a good idea to give money directly to a street corner panhandler, we do have an obligation to support those agencies, like Catholic Social Services and others who are best equipped to deal with the many causes of homelessness, while addressing the immediate needs of those affected. The online comments on the article were quite revealing. Some we grateful for the article. Others vilified me. Still others denied we had a homeless problem in Anchorage at all.

Today, it is impossible to ignore the homeless in Anchorage. So I read with great interest that three private agencies in Anchorage are pledging \$40 Million help address the problem in a substantive way. Much of this involves funding for effective programs that already exist which address economic hardship, addiction, chronic mental illness, and many other contributing factors.

Here at St. Patrick Parish, the Deacon's Fund is one way that we as community of faith try to help people from becoming homeless in the first place. Essentially, it helps those faced with delinquent utility bills to avoid having their power or gas turned off while they address their economic situation. There is a deliberate screening process and a household may apply for assistance once a year. Still, this is enough for most of these folks to regroup and get their feet back under them. It is a small thing, but it seems to make a difference. Last year we served over 200 households.

Jesus was poor, and he remained close to the poor. As deliberate disciples of Jesus, I encourage us all to be deliberate in our support of the Deacons Fund and other programs. We must have eyes that see clearly the reality of our neighbors, so that we may be the heart, the arms and hands of Christ reaching out to those in need.

- Fr. Leo



Welcome to anyone new to the parish community. Please take a moment to stop by the office! We would love to meet you and show you around.

General Information and Announcements

St. Pat's Seniors

Our St. Pat's Seniors will gather for a Lunch and Meeting this Thursday, October 3rd, at noon in the Deacons Hall. Please join us on Thursday for an afternoon of food and fellowship. Please call the parish office for more information.

St. Francis Stewardship Awards Banquet

The registration deadline for the St. Francis Stewardship Awards Banquet this Thursday, October 3 has passed, but a few seats are still available. To inquire about last-minute seating, please contact Anna Schulten directly at aschulten@caa-ak.org or (907) 297-7790.



"Though our Lord Jesus Christ was rich, he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.

2 Corinthians 8-9

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.

Dinner for Clare House

Did you know St. Patrick's has a group of Leprechauns that once a month take a meal to Clare House? It's a taco meal on the 30th of every month (that's 11 times a year). Many little Leprechauns bring a little and it turns into a LOT. Would you like to help with this project? Call Janet Keim, (907) 332-7878, for more information.

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. See you this December at camp!



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.

CONGRATULATIONS, JOHN OSTROM!

On Friday, September 20, 2019, at the Resurrection Chapel at Holy Spirit Center, parishioner John Ostrom received the **RITE OF CANDIDACY** as he continues his formation of the **PERMANENT DIACONATE**. Join us for cake after each Mass this weekend to help celebrate with John and his family.



R.C.I.A.

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 this Tuesday, October 1st, at 7pm in the Deacons Hall. For more information please contact Amie at amieshepler@gmail.com or Sarah at slaw907@gmail.com or (907)306-8776.

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

Marriage Help—Retrouvaille

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you, too. For confidential information or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on Oct. 11 - 13, 2019, call 907-863-8000 or email: anchorage@helpourmarriage.org or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.org

General Information and Announcements

Position Opening

Temporary Administrative Assistant-FEMA

St. Patrick Parish is seeking qualified applicants for the position of Administrative Assistant. The purpose of this position is to make all necessary data entries, complete questionnaire information and solicitation of work orders for the earthquake recovery efforts of the parish. Applicants should be detail oriented, self-motivated, and have a working knowledge of common office software and internet navigation. Hours are flexible. This is a half-time paid position. \$18-22/hr depending on experience. Full job description available upon request. Inquire at the parish office, 337-1538 or online at www.st.patsak.org.

Additional Documents Online at
www.st.patsak.org
October Parish Calendar
Climate Change Information Sheet
2019 CHAOS Fall Flyer
World Marriage Encounter Flyer
2019 Advent Concert Flyer

C.H.A.O.S.

Countdown to Oktoberfest! It's almost time! **Get your tickets now!** 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 dinner and wonderfully funny original musical play. We have a family show if you can't make the dinner show. **The Family Show is Friday, October 11 at 7 PM.** There's popcorn and the cost is a goodwill offering. **The Really BIG Shoe with dinner is Friday, October 18** (doors open at 6 PM) 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 at the Parish Office, from any cast member, or after all the Masses.

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.

Sunday Collections

September Goal \$62,500.00

Sunday, September 1	\$11,794.46
Sunday, September 8	\$11,791.49
Sunday, September 15	\$13,291.69
<u>Sunday, September 22</u>	<u>\$9,390.69</u>

Total Collected Thus Far \$46,268.33
Still Needed \$16,231.67



Parish Nurses News

Our Parish Nurses would like to share news about upcoming health improvement opportunities. Drive Thru free flu shots will be offered at Alaska Regional Hospital from 5:30pm to 8:30pm on Thursday, 10/3 and Wednesday, 10/9. Please join us for these good health opportunities!

Annual Blessing of the Animals

Next Sunday, October 6th, at 2:00pm, Fr. Leo and Deacon Mick will bless the animals in the grass area behind the church. This annual event, celebrated in proximity to the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, celebrates the joy that animals and pets bring to our lives. All are encouraged to bring their pets so that they may be blessed and we can give thanks for the blessings, comfort and joy they bring to us.

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.

Special Collection Schedule

Next Weekend: Parish Building Fund

Week At A Glance

September 29-October 6, 2019

Family Faith Formation Introduction	9:30am—All Rms
Traditional Choir Rehearsal	10:45am—Church
Praise Choir Rehearsal	3:00pm—Church
Youth Ministry XL	3pm—Chapel, Hall, Tara, Youth Hse
CHAOS Rehearsal & Stage Set-Up	5pm—Dcns Hall

Monday - 9/30/2019

Parish Office Closed	
CHAOS Stage Set-Up	Dcns Hall
Eucharistic Adoration	6:00pm—Chapel
CSSI Adult Faith Study Group	6:00pm—Tara
SPRED Catechist Prep	6:15pm—Hosp Rm

Tuesday—10/01/19 - St. Therese of Lisieux

Legion of Mary	6:15pm—Cenacle
RCIA	6:30pm—Dcns Hall
Praise Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm—Church

Wednesday—10/02/19—The Holy Guardian Angels

CSSI Adult Faith Study Group	10:am —Hosp Rm
Mass - Feast of the Guardian Angels	5:30pm—Church
Folk Choir Rehearsal	6:00pm—Church
Men's -ACTS Team	6:30pm—Hosp Rm
Knights of Columbus	7pm —Dcns Hall

Thursday—10/03/19

Adult Faith Study Group	10:00am—Hosp Rm
Seniors' Group Lunch & Meeting	Noon—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

First Friday—10/04/19

Eucharistic Adoration	6:00pm—Chapel
Samoan Choir Rehearsal	7:30pm—Church

First Saturday—10/05/19

Men's ACTS Retreat Day	9:00am—Dcns Hall
YM—Social Saturday	10:30 am—TBA
Contemporary Choir Rehearsal	3:45pm—Church
Confessions	4:00pm—Recon Room
KofC Rosary	4:30pm—Chapel
Samoan Choir Rehearsal	6:30pm—Church
AA	8:00pm—Tara

Sunday— 10/06/19

Ablaze Faith Formation	9:45am - All Rooms
Traditional Choir Rehearsal	10:45am - Church
Blessing of the Animals	2:00 pm—Parking Lot
Praise Choir Rehearsal	3:00pm - Church
Youth Ministry (Middle School & HS)	3pm—Hall, Tara
CHAOS Rehearsal	5pm—Dcns Hall

Readings

September 29-30, 2019 - 26th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Amos 6:1a, 4-7, PS 146:7, 8-9, 9-10, I Tm 6:11-16. Luke 16: 19-31

Mon. St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church

Zec. 8:1-8, PS 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 & 22-23 Luke 9:46-50

Tues, St. Therese of the Child Jesus,

Zec. 8:20-23 Ps 87:B-3, 4-5, 6-7 Luke 9:51-56

Weds, Holy Guardian Angels

Neh 2:1-8 Psalm 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 Mathew 18:11-5, 10

Thurs: Neh. 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 PS 19:8, 9,10,11 Luke 10:11-12

Fri, Saint Francis of Assisi

Bar. 1:15-22 PS 79:12B-2, 35, 8, 9 Luke 10:-13-16

Mass Intentions

Sat: **Corinne Heidemann, R.O.S.**

Sun:

8:30 **Jill Shepherd, R.O.S.**

11:30 **People of the Parish**

5:30

Mon:

Tues: **Richard Palmer**

Thurs: **Antoni & Mary Zych, R.O.S.**

Fri: **Michael Waldroop, R.O.S.**

Birthdays!

Sun: Cy Jacob Callahan, Tanner Upah, Aquarina Hoanca

Mon: Wesley Hunt

Tues: Montana Baker, Aaron Longar, Raphael Rivera

Wed: Dora Bukowski

Thur: Patrich Paulo Lorenzo

Fri: Christian Aquino, Nikko Delos Reyes, Maria Jimenez, Sean Kiana

Sat: Charlotte Fontana, Lauren O'Leary

