



Shamrock News

*Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit
Matthew 28:19*

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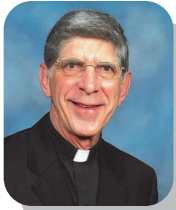
St. Patrick
CATHOLIC CHURCH

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Our New Parish Social Hall
- Lent & Easter Activities
- Join us for our Parish Lenten Mission
- How to keep in touch with Upcoming Parish Events, News and Resources
- Faith Formation & Youth Ministry Highlights
- Gifts of Love

For more wonderful
parish information
and the latest news.
Please visit our website





Notes from Our Pastor

by Fr. Jim Angert, T.O.R.

In our homes, we all value our dining room, kitchen, and living room. Our dining room is the place where we gather as a family to enjoy food, share our stories and our life experiences. The kitchen is where food is prepared. The living room is where we relax and socialize with family and friends. Here at our parish home of St. Patrick's, the dining room so to

Now as a parish family we gather in the living room, that is, our newly renovated social hall so that we can socialize together as a parish family. St. Thomas Aquinas would always say that beauty attracts. We will be attracted to



our beautiful social hall so that we can appreciate and celebrate the beauty and dignity of every person. I believe that every parish needs to be healthy in six areas, namely: spiritually, liturgically, ministerially, financially, structurally and socially. Our beautiful social hall will enable us to come together as a parish family to socialize and celebrate with one another.

Here at St. Patrick's, we try to make decisions based upon our mission, vision and strategy. Our mission is Matthew 28:16-20 where the Lord said: "Go and make disciples of all nations." The Lord also gave us two great command-

ments, to love God and one another. This is our Mission. Thus, we are called to be growing disciples who are called to grow other disciples. Therefore we need a clear mission, vision and strategy. Dietrich Bonhoeffer said that Christianity without discipleship is always Christianity without Christ. Thus, we will not publicly advertise the use of our social hall for wedding receptions, beer parties, and so forth. We will not try to be retail providers meeting the needs of demanding consumers. That is not our mission and such an approach would mean that the social hall would not be available for our parish family events. We want to be a healthy social parish whereby we try to love the Lord and one another. Come to our social hall for coffee and donuts after Mass on Sundays. You are invited to attend the many social and family events as we continue our mission as growing disciples.

As disciples, there is an urgent need for all of us to share the good news with others. Pope Paul VI in *Evangelii Nuntiandi* stated: "Evangelization is in fact the grace and vocation proper to the Church, her deepest identity. She exists in order to evangelize." We never want to lose the transforming power of the Gospel.



speaking, is the church whereby as a family of believers we come together in faith to worship God, hear our family stories from the Bible, and share in the best of all food, that is the risen, transformed, glorified humanity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who shares his life with us in Holy Communion.





Council of Catholic Women

Our CCW gatherings are held At 1:00 PM on the 1st Wednesday of each month here at St. Patrick's in our newly renovated Social Hall.

The dedicated women of CCW are the heart and soul of the parish who give without expecting any return. They provide coffee and pastries after the Sunday morning Masses, assist the Men's Group with all breakfasts, dinners, and fish fries, provide refreshments for parish ministry activities. Various fund raisers throughout the year provide contributions to our parish, local community, the Diocese of St. Petersburg, and national/international relief efforts. You are welcome to attend our monthly meeting!



Young at Heart

Young at Heart gatherings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month here at St. Patrick Catholic Church. Young-at-Heart is a group of senior citizens who meet for fellowship, lunch, and social interaction. On some months, the group will play bingo, have a special guest speaker, or have a spiritual reflection by one of our priests.

For questions, call the Parish Office at 813-839-5337 or visit the parish website at www.StPatrickTampa.org



Bingo and Dinner

Bingo is held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month here at St. Patrick Catholic Church in our wonderful newly renovated Social Hall. Dinner is prepared and served at 5:30 PM by the fantastic cooks from St. Patrick

Men's Group. Bingo play starts at 6:30 PM. Players must be 18 to play. The cost is \$25.00, this includes: dinner and games- 9 pack of 13 sheets (26 games) & 4 specials. Additional cards will be available for purchase. For more information you may call the Parish Office at 813-839-5337. All are welcome to join in the fun!



Parish Men's Group

St. Patrick Men's Group is a very diverse group of men who are dedicated to working for our parish. Their overarching goal is to provide service and support for the community of St. Patrick while meeting God in one another and having fun.

The Men's group hosts our Award Winning Lenten Fish Frys and our Community Breakfasts and Dinners. All the proceeds from our events go directly to the parish. For questions, call the Parish Office at 813-839-5337 or visit the parish website at www.StPatrickTampa.org





LENTEN PARISH MISSION

St. Patrick's Catholic Community is pleased to welcome John Pridmore as our Lenten Mission speaker. John is from England and has a powerful story and message to share. His life's journey has taken him from being an enforcer in the London mobs to being a sought after Christian speaker all over the world. He shares how he had all the things a person would want but hated the person he was.

John Pridmore has a CD available through Lighthouse Catholic Media titled "From Gangland to Promise Land". John also has a book by the same title, published in English, Spanish and Russian. He will have books available for sale and will autograph after each mission.

The mission talks will be held

Monday, March 2nd

Tuesday, March 3rd

Wednesday, March 4th

Mornings: 9:00 am after the 8:30 AM morning mass

Evenings: 7:00 PM

Refreshments and gathering will be available in the social hall after the mission talks.

Challenge yourself to set these three hours aside to hear John's message. Lent is a time for us to reflect on our relationship with God. John's lay ministry is a great way to help us reflect. Do not miss this opportunity to hear an internationally sought speaker in our home parish.

2015 Lent & Easter



AWARD WINNING LENTEN FISH FRY

Every Friday
5:00 - 7:00 PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays of Lent
Feb 20th -
March 27th
7:00 PM



March 20th
Mary's Way of the Cross
March 27th
Living Stations by the Teens



LENTEN PARISH MISSION

March 2nd, 3rd,
4th, After the
8:30 AM Mass
& 7:00 PM

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

Diocesan-wide
Evening Confessions, Thursday,
March 12th, 5:00-7:00 PM

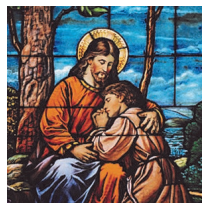
PRAISE AND ADORATION

March 14th, 7 PM

LENTEN COMMUNAL PENANCE

St. Patrick

Saturday, March
21st, 10:00 AM
(No afternoon
Confessions to-
day)



Incarnation

Monday, March 23rd, 7:00 PM

Christ the King

Tuesday, March 24th, 7:00 PM

St. Lawrence

Wednesday, March 25th, 7:00 PM

St. Joseph

Thursday, March 26th, 7:00 PM
(Confessions in Spanish)

REGULAR CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturdays: 3:30-4:30 PM

NO Confessions scheduled during
Holy Week or on Holy Saturday

PALM SUNDAY



March 29th
Regular Sunday
Mass Schedule
with Palm
Procession at the
9:00 AM Mass

HOLY THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

April 2nd

8:30 AM - Morning Prayer

7:30 PM - Evening Mass of the

Lord's Supper

Followed By Procession

and transfer of the Holy Eucharist
to the Eucharistic Chapel
and Adoration until 11:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

April 3rd

8:30 AM - Morning Prayer

12:00 Noon - Stations of the Cross

3:00 PM - Liturgy of the Word,

Veneration of the Cross, and

Distribution of Communion

HOLY SATURDAY

April 4th

12:00 Noon -

Blessing of the Easter Baskets

and Easter Food

EASTER VIGIL

8:00 PM - Gather at the front of
Church and Vigil
begins

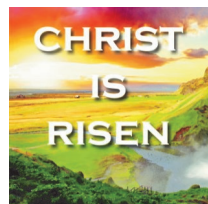
EASTER SUNDAY

April 5th Masses

7:30, 9, 11 AM

12:45 PM

No 6 PM Mass



*Please visit our Parish Website
for our full calendar of
Upcoming Parish Events*

www.StPatrickTampa.org

Parish Resources, News and Events



Symbolon

Symbolon is an immersion in the faith for the whole parish. It aims at transforming adults on all levels—how we think, how we pray, and how we live—by immersing us in instruction about the Word of God and the Catholic Faith. This program will take you through the entire story of the Catholic faith and includes topics such as Sacred Scripture, Salvation History, Jesus, the Church, Mary & the Saints, the Sacraments, Catholic Morality, God's Plan for Human Sexuality, and Catholic Social Teaching. Fr. Angelus Migliore, T.O.R. leads a Symbolon class on Thursday evenings in Room 24 beginning at 7pm. All are welcome and invited to join. As a member of our parish, you can also access Symbolon anytime on the web, using your computer, smartphone, or tablet, both here and at home. Please visit our Parish website for more information.

Parish Weekly Newsletter

You can connect to the latest parish news through our weekly email newsletter. Our parish newsletter provides a reflection on the upcoming Sunday Gospel and the most up to date current look at the week ahead. You can sign up to receive the weekly email newsletter through our website or by contacting Anne Marie Kearney in the Parish Office through email at akearney@stpatriicktampa.org or by phone at 813-839-5337.

Parish Website

Please visit our Parish Website for up to date information on our parish upcoming events, ministry news, and access to the latest bulletin and weekly newsletter.

www.StPatrickTampa.org



New Parish App Coming Soon!

In the coming weeks St. Patrick Catholic Church will launch our own app for iPhone and Android smart phones. This will allow us to better communicate with you throughout the week and keep you updated with relevant parish news or updates. The app is very well designed and very intuitive. It will be a great resource for parishioners by providing daily Mass readings, Catholic news and prayers, convenient prayer and Confession reminders, our bulletins and more.

We hope for our new app to be a tool for fostering stronger parish life at St. Patrick Catholic Church and better engaging the New Evangelization. Please watch in the coming weeks for our official launch announcement.





Faith Formation

So What's Up with Faith Formation?

The next quarter of Faith Formation will carry us through the winter and to the pinnacle of our liturgical year, Easter. It is a time of rejoicing, new beginnings and life born again as all the classes celebrate the miracle of the Resurrection of Jesus the Christ.

Coming up at the end of February, our Second Graders will attend a Spiritual Retreat with their parents and then both will join in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. For the children, it will be their very First Reconciliation and part of their preparation for their First Communion. With their parents, they will be receiving the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ at Masses for the weekend of Mother's Day. They will also gather in honoring our Blessed Mother on Sunday morning. Dressed in their First Communion finery, and joined by parents, siblings and members of the parish, they will join in procession and sing songs to our Lady as they slowly walk from the freshly re-planted Mary's Garden area to the newly re-modeled Mary's Grotto, both in the North courtyard of the school. Thanks to the efforts of our Junior and High School students, both areas are becoming places of beauty and serenity.

Near the end of the quarter, we will see the sprouting of first fruits of our new Confirmation program "Chosen." The initial class of sixth graders formed by the program will approach the Bishop to ask to be fully integrated into the Sacramental life of the Church by the laying on of his hands. Too often, teens regard the final Sacrament of Initiation as "Graduation" instead of a commissioning. Rather than "getting" their Confirmation, they are empowered by it, and the gifts of the Spirit, to enhance their own prayer life, to participate in its richness and vitality, and to evangelize others, to speak out with courage and understanding about the value of their faith. Rather than see them drift away from the Church, we pray that we can win over their hearts at this critical time in their lives and keep them firmly planted within the faith community of the Church.

We are continuing to adjust our High School program, with the help of LifeTeen, so that our students are transitioning from the classroom to become mentors to their juniors, ministers to the needy, and evangelists to their friends by the example of their lives. The older teens participated in the PB&J Family Service Event by delivering food and personal toiletry items to the homeless. In their encounters on the street and in public parks they experienced firsthand the joy that comes from giving concrete expression to God's command to love your neighbor as yourself. They are progressing through the Bible together, sharing God's Word with each other and learning the promise of his Kingdom.



The next major service event is the week after Easter, appropriately on Divine Mercy Sunday, and will involve not only the High School teens but the entire parish as we prepare a hot dinner meals for 250 people to serve to the residents at Pinellas Hope. This is the most difficult of the Faith Formation projects but has always been a success due to the expertise of Joe Marchitto who supervises the food preparation, and our families who generously respond to their need to give back some of God's blessings on themselves in the form of food, drink, and service to others so clearly in need.

Although Faith Formation meetings end shortly after Easter, we just shift into high gear for the Summer programs: sleepovers, retreats, service projects and especially Vacation Bible School



(mark your calendars -June 22-26!). God has blessed this wonderful parish and continues to send his Spirit upon us!



Youth Ministry

Middle School Youth Ministry is a diverse, vibrant young community of youth currently in 6th – 8th grade! If you are looking for a place to have fun, build friendships and community with your peers, grow in your faith, serve and learn to be a disciple, we invite you to check us out!

Middle School Youth meet on Friday evenings 6 PM – 8 PM. Visit the Parish Website for the EDGE NIGHT dates. Kristin Loboda, Middle School Youth Minister, Email: middleschoolministry@stpaustricktampa.org or call the parish office at 813-839-5337.

The Middle School Youth Ministry program has been thriving this year – Praise the Lord! We have been so blessed to be able to use the Life Teen Edge program for our youth group nights. Our Friday night youth group has been focusing on teaching the youth about the joy of prayer and how to develop a personal relationship with Jesus, while at the same time having a lot of fun and growing together as a community of young believers. Our youth will be attending the 3rd Annual Tampa Bay Pro-Life Youth Rally on February 21st. This is an event put on by the Salesians of Don Bosco and the Diocese of St. Petersburg and we are thrilled to be a part of it! We will also be having our regular youth group nights from 6-8pm on March 13 & 26, April 10 & 24, and May 8. Seventeen of our Middle School teens have also been participating this year weekly on Sunday mornings in our Confirmation preparation classes. The class has been using the *Chosen* program, which has been a great catalyst in preparing our youth for the next important step on their faith journey. Great things have been happening with our Middle Schoolers and it has been amazing to see God work in their lives! Please know that if your child has yet to be involved with our program that we welcome them with loving and open arms to any of our events!

Please visit the Youth Ministry Pages on our Parish Website for more information and schedules @ www.StPatrickTampa.org



High School Youth Ministry is a group of young disciples growing in their relationship with Christ, taking their place in the parish, and making an impact on the community. If you are currently in 9th - 12th grade, please come and meet some great teens who are ready to share their love for Christ and welcome you in! All are welcome!

Visit the Parish Website for the latest HS Youth Ministry gathering schedule.

Please contact Jeanine Baker, High School Youth Minister, at 813-839-5337 ext.304 or jbaker@stpaustricktampa.org.

February Fabulous Events:

Saturday, February 21st @ 9am – 2pm! The 3rd Annual Tampa Bay Pro-Life Youth Rally
Wednesday, February 25th @ 6:30pm! Going Deeper with 2 Timothy chapters 3&4!

Important for March:

Monday -Wednesday, March 2, 3 and 4 Lenten Mission
February 27th and March 13th Parish Fish Fry Service Nights
TBD-Live Stations Practice
March 27, 2015-
Living Stations of the Cross
March 20-22

St. Patrick Youth Ministry Retreat at Mary Help of Christians Center

Awesome April opportunities to come!

Spring Lock-In Marathon!
Family Bingo Night!

If you are a high school teenager, know a high school teenager, or would like to help St. Pat's High-School Youth Ministry, contact Jeanine via email or phone (813-839-5337 ext. 304)! Contact info listed above!

Thank you and God Bless!

Thank You!



Gifts of Love

Your generosity and support for our outreach ministry and Society St. Vincent de Paul Ministry has been a huge success. Thank you so much for your donations towards our important causes! Please note that your donations have touched hundreds of lives. They have reached as far as Gainesville, Dover, Valrico, Brandon, and our local community in South Tampa. Thank you again for your Gracious support!

St. Patrick Catholic Church

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Welcome



New Parishioner Interest Form

We are glad you attend Mass here. How can we serve you?

- ☐ I am new to the community and would like information on St. Patrick Catholic Church.
- ☐ I am interested in information about entering the Catholic Church through R.C.I.A.
- ☐ I have been separated from the Church and would like information on returning to the Church.

Please Circle One: 1. Mr. 2. Mrs. 3. Mr. and Mrs. 4. Miss

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

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Phone _____

Email _____

Kindly place in the collection basket or return to parish office.