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CATHOLIC CHURCH

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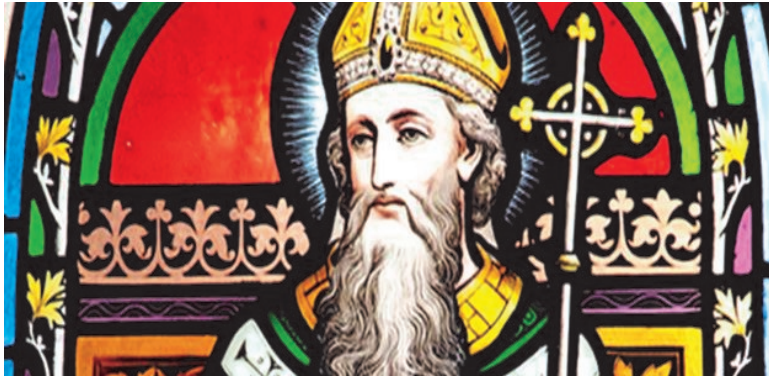


Shamrock News

*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*

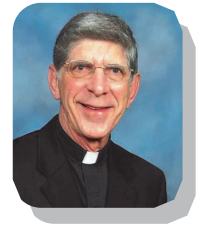
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The word gospel means “Good News”. The Good News is that Jesus is alive and shares the Father’s divine life and love with us by the power of the Holy Spirit. We all share in this gift of divine life and love through faith. By faith, we daily encounter the living Christ and are able to deepen our personal relationship with Jesus who is our Lord and Savior. We deepen this relationship through prayer, especially reading the Bible, and attending Mass and receiving the living Lord in the Eucharist as the Lord says in John 6: “Whoever eats my body and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him/her.” We share in divine life and are thus empowered to live the Christian life as true disciples of our Lord. St. Patrick’s Parish will continue to grow in love and membership as all of us live as missionary disciples of the Lord and as members of his body the church.

As pastor, I am so proud of every member of our wonderful parish family of St. Patrick’s. In this issue of Shamrock News, we are able to share about some of the ministries of our parish as we live out the mission the Lord has given us in Matthew 28: 16-20, namely, Go and Make Disciples. That is our mission. Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, wrote an insightful Apostolic Exhortation entitled “The Joy of the Gospel” to bishops, clergy, consecrated persons and the lay faithful on the proclamation of the gospel in today’s world. Pope Francis suggests our mission when he writes the following, “In virtue of their baptism, all members of the People of God have become



Notes from the Pastor

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



*Notes from the Pastor,
Fr. Jim Angert, continued...*

missionary disciples (of Matthew 28:19). The new evangelization calls for personal involvement on the part of each of the baptized. Every Christian is challenged, here and now, to be actively engaged in evangelization; indeed, anyone who has truly experienced God's saving love does not need much time or lengthy training to go out and proclaim that love. We no longer say that we are "disciples" and missionaries", but rather that we are always "missionary disciples". If we are not convinced, let us look at those first disciples, who, immediately after encountering the gaze of Jesus, went forth to proclaim him joyfully: "We have found the Messiah!" (John 1:41)

All of us are called to be "missionary disciples" as we show the Good News" in loving service and always invite others to become members of our warm, loving and joyful St. Patrick Parish Family.

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to read more about



Pope Francis' first Apostolic
Exhortation - "Evangelii Gaudium"

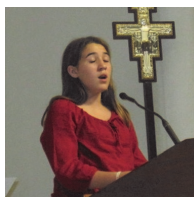
"The Joy of the Gospel"



Parish Family Gallery



Music Ministry



The Music Ministry inspired our Parish Community with wonderful performances for Thanksgiving and Christmas. The youth choir shared their joy for the coming season while our amazing adult choir presented *The Gift Goes On*. Their performances left the audience smiling and inspired. This performance was a wonderful way to prepare all for the Celebration of the coming of the Lord. Thank you to our choirs directors, musicians and singers for all their hard work and inspirational works.

Council of Catholic Woman



Sisters in Christ/
Women of Faith

The Council of Catholic Women, CCW, has a long and caring history here at St. Patrick Catholic Church. The parish formed its first Catholic Women's Guild in 1959. We proudly maintain 2 Circles of the CCW working well as a team in fund raising for our different charities and helping the parish with needed items.

I am sure you have seen our ladies after Sunday morning masses selling coffee and doughnuts in the social hall or manning the religious articles "store", or outside the main building selling pecans in the fall. We have bake sales and host a Victorian Tea and these fund raisers allow us to sponsor our youth to attend retreats and camps, host dinners for seniors (Circle 7) and help our Church purchase much needed items during the year. We also organize the Annual Indoor Thrift Sale with proceeds going to the church. Our Circle 1 ladies organize Mary's Way of the Cross and the Patriotic Rosary annually and our yearly blanket drive.

Our monthly meetings find us saving can tabs for Shriner's Children's hospital or pennies for priests (for vocations) or our loose change for Water for Life, which is a much needed ministry to third world countries (for Daughters of Mary in Tanzania). We collect shoes and socks for the migrants, used eyeglasses for the Lion's Club and mother and baby items for Alpha

House twice a year, at Christmas and in May for Mother's Day.

With the generosity of our members we have donated thousands of hours to various ministries. We participate in the Hugs for the Homeless campaign, Catholic days at the capitol (we send representatives to add our voice to those issues that are important to Catholic women), 40 Days for Life and hold monthly prayer and sign holding days at the abortion clinic. Recently we have even been able to activate our online prayer chain for those who have volunteered to pray for those requests.

Our passion and our faith run deep for our Church and our community. Our circles are made up of wonderful women with a varied array of talents. As more and more women hear the call of Our Lord and find their special place to serve him best, we are blessed that they choose to serve him in the CCW with other dedicated sisters in Christ.

Lest you think we are all work and no play, let me assure you that the ladies have a deep and abiding respect for each other and enjoy the company and fellowship that is offered and we share meals, stories, heartaches and happy news with each other and are always there with a good laugh, friendly smile and a warm hug!



St. Patrick's Catholic Church CCW



Parish Family Gallery



Mutuality in Ministry

By Fr Stan Holland, TOR
and Susan Carpenter

This issue of The Shamrock is dedicated to our many ministries at St Patrick. View the many photographs of our people involved in serving the Lord by serving those in need. See the fulfillment of Matthew 26:31ff. What we do to the least of our brothers and sisters that we do to Jesus. "When I was hungry you gave me to eat; when I was thirsty you gave me to drink; when I was naked you clothed me; when I was sick and in prison you visited me." At times the corporal works of mercy we do can be thankless and exhausting. Sometimes we wonder if we are doing any good at all. Preachers often wonder if their words mean anything or do any good. I will always pray for someone who is sick, for God to heal them. Often I don't know what the results of my prayers are. But, once in a while, someone tells me God healed them of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, a large tumor has shrunk to near invisibility, a dying child recovers, a marriage is reconciled, and employment is gained. All at once it is like a shot in the arm. All at once the desire to serve the Lord is strengthened and we want to continue to serve Him by serving our brothers and sisters in need.

One such shot in the arm comes in the form of a letter by Susan Carpenter sharing her experience last year in the hospital. Her entire demeanor was recharged by the presence of the Body and Blood of Christ when Jesus visited her in the form of the Eucharist ministered to her by a Eucharistic minister from Christ the King Parish.

Susan writes:

"Recently I had the occasion to be admitted to the hospital on an emergency basis. I found myself in the ICU extremely dehydrated and not thinking at all clearly. Things were happening and decisions had to be made. I could barely understand the questions much less know the answers. I had sent my dear husband home as he could not accompany me to the ICU. I reached for a phone to call him. Oh no, I sent my phone home with him. No bedside phone in the ICU. The nurses are pushing for decisions. Chaos seemed to be surrounding me and I felt so alone. Then there was a soft male voice outside the cubicle. 'This is Philip, from Christ the King. Would you like to receive Eucharist?' That sentence was like a life line. I grabbed on. I asked the nurses to leave us for a few minutes. Philip came into the cubicle, we prayed and I received Eucharist. Such a feeling of peace entered the area. I felt Jesus tell me to calm down, that He was in charge. The chaos left. The nurses came back in. One of them said, 'What happened? There is such calmness in here.' I just smiled and gave my OK for the procedures they wanted to do. If you ever doubt the importance of your ministry, or that God is working through you please remember my witness. To me, on that day, Philip brought more than he could ever know."

Eucharistic Ministers to the Homebound

By Maria Victor, Eucharistic Ministers to the Homebound, Ministry Leader

A picture is worth a thousand words... each visit to the Homebound of our Parish and local nursing homes is priceless. Who adopted who? Who is richer for receiving the companionship and message in our ministry, including those who are not Catholic?

One of our pictures shows us entertaining for Christmas at South Tampa Rehab. The Nursing Homes have come to depend on us, and they ask us to entertain.

During this ministry we often make special friends. At Bayshore Point we met William, a World War II veteran, very weak and confined to a wheel chair. Yet he was always present at our weekly prayer service and joined in Communion. He responded to Communion with a touching smile. This week he was not at the weekly service, and we learned that he had died. We miss our friend William, but we take great comfort knowing that, through our efforts, William prayerfully received the sacraments in the final weeks of his life.

The Gospels urge us to care for the

sick. The purpose of this ministry is to provide a sacramental lifeline to those who cannot attend Holy Mass and Communion. With the participation of Fr. Jim, Fr. Stan and Fr. Angelus we have renewed the Homebound Ministry.

A year ago there were too few ministers that had too many people to serve. We are now 12 ministers strong and growing! We visit 80 patients in 3 Nursing homes, and another 12 parishioners in their homes, on a weekly basis.

If you know of a homebound parishioner, or nursing home resident, deserving a visit, let us know.

Please consider the call of the homebound ministry. You are welcome to come along with us for a visit or two, before you make the commitment to be a minister to the homebound. Our ministers to the homebound serve two hours per week, and it helps if they have a car. We always work in teams. To learn more about the ministry, please call Cheryl or Anne Marie in the Parish Office.

Please consider coming along with us



Missionary Disciples Spreading God's Kingdom



In our Parish Community, here at St. Patrick Catholic Church, we have wonderful people who share their baptismal call to missionary discipleship in our Community.

We would like to share some of the ways our Parishioners are reaching out and helping the Tampa community. Please visit the "Missionary Disciples in Action" article, located on our Website to read more about their stories.

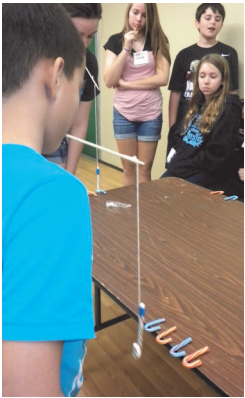
If you know of a parishioner of St. Patrick Catholic Church who is an example of Missionary Discipleship in our community, please share their story. You may contact Anne Marie Kearney in the parish office at akearney@stpatricktampa.org

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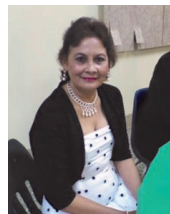
Middle School Youth Ministry

Middle School Youth Ministry has been buzzing with activity and service this Fall and Winter! We held a Family Bingo Night; had a lot of fun at our Overnight Lock-In; we helped provide "Prepare For Jesus" for the young parish families; we laughed a lot during our Crazy Christmas Games like CandyCane Fishing and Cookie On Your Face; and we came together to serve as a community at Metropolitan Ministries to share our musical talents, prayers, and service with our local community. Recently, we had a Respect and Protect Life Night - you should have seen the contraptions the teens made to protect their raw egg from the 2nd story drop! This Spring, we are gearing up for our Annual Living Stations of the Cross on Friday April 11th at 7:00. (Note: the rehearsal is Friday April 4th!! Please come!) If you want to join us - it's NEVER too late! In fact, beginning in March, we would like to invite all upcoming 6th graders (current 5th graders) to start attending our meetings!

We meet 1st and 3rd Fridays for dinner at 6pm in Room 24 then we head up to the youth room 25 for more activities and fellowship. Contact Stephanie Smith for more information (middleschoolministry@stpatricktampa.org - 707-292-3595) or See our tab on the parish webpage.



Parish Dance



*A wonderful time
was had by all
at our Parish
Holiday Dance!*

Posadas



Thank You

We would like to thank you for your wonderful response and caring love poured out to our community during the Christmas season. Your gifts and cards to the Giving Tree and the Shoe and Sock drive were overwhelming and touched the heart of many. Thank you for helping us reach out to our surrounding community to spread the Joy of Christ's love. Thankfulness shined in the eyes of the small children and residents of Patrician Arms as they received the gifts.

Le queremos dar las mas expresivas gracias por la manera que ustedes respondieron con tanto amor a nuestra comunidad durante la temporada de navidad. Sus regalos y tarjetas para el arbol que regala y la campaña de zapatos y medias tocaron los corazones de muchos. Gracias por ayudar alcanzar la comunidad local y extender la alegría del amor de cristo a otras comunidades. El agradecimiento brillaba en los ojos de los Pequeños niños y los residents de patrician arms cuando recibian sus regalos.

Gracias

The Giving Tree

The Advent Season is a time for preparation and for awaiting the arrival of "JOY". We look forward to the "gift" of the Birth of the Lord. We prepare ourselves for the Holidays; families and friends get together and share many moments and exchange gifts. Our "Giving Tree" has become a source of Joy for many in our community. The community shares the "Spirit of Christmas" with others by providing a gift for those who might not get one during the holidays. We share our Love and the Love of Christ with the 'least of our brothers and sisters'. They become the face of Christ for us and the smiles on their faces when they receive the gifts fill our hearts with the JOY of Christmas.

Posada

Imagine Mary and Joseph going to Bethlehem and looking for a place to stay... Posadas are a re-creation of a search for a place to stay here in South Tampa – in our own neighborhood – during nine days prior to Christmas Day. A group of parishioners would bring statues of Mary, Joseph and the Baby Jesus to a place; it is usually a home chosen in advance. Upon arriving we have a dialogue in song asking for shelter. One group asks for shelter and another group will respond negatively; the dialogue continues until the "family" is allowed to enter. We then recite some opening prayers, read from the Holy Scriptures (St. Luke Chapter 1), we share the meaning of the scripture passage or our personal feelings, we sing the O Antiphons, we pray the Holy Rosary and we sing carols. After the religious celebration, the host family shares with all visitors food and beverages appropriate of the Season. The host family is asked to bring the Holy Family figures to the next home to be visited until we complete our nine days. The Posadas are typical of Mexico; we have modified it with special Puerto Rican traditional holiday music and merriment.

El árbol que regala

La temporada del adviento es un tiempo de preparación mientras esperamos la llegada del júbilo. Esperamos ansiosos el Nacimiento de Nuestro Señor. Nos preparamos para los días de fiesta y junto con amistades y familia compartimos la alegría de la estación y nos hacemos regalos. Nuestro árbol que regala se ha convertido en una fuente de alegría y júbilo para muchos de los miembros de nuestra comunidad. La comunidad comparte "el espíritu navideño con algunos hermanos que quizás no puedan recibir un regalito. Como comunidad, compartimos el amor de Cristo con aquellos hermanos y hermanas que puedan estar más necesitados. Ellos se convierten en La Cara de Cristo para nosotros y sus sonrisas al recibir un regalito nos llena de la alegría y felicidad que trae La Navidad.

Las Posadas

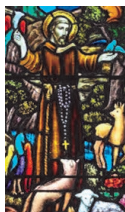
Imagínense a La Virgen María y su esposo San José llegando a Belén en busca de un lugar donde albergarse... Las Posadas son una recreación de esa búsqueda pero aquí en el Sur de Tampa en nuestro propio vecindario durante nueve noches antes del día de Navidad. Un grupito de la comunidad trae unas estatuas de La Virgen, San José y el Niñito Jesús a un hogar escogido de antemano. Allí hacemos un dialogo musical donde los de afuera piden posada y los de adentro se la niegan hasta que al fin se le permite a La Familia que entre. Al entrar hacemos algunas oraciones, leemos de las Sagradas Escrituras (San Lucas Capitulo 1), compartimos el mensaje que nos tren las escrituras o como nos sentimos en ese momento, cantamos las Preces, rezamos el Santo Rosario y cantamos algunas canciones propias de la Navidad. Luego la familia anfitriona comparte con todos los visitantes comidas y refrescos propios de la estación. Se le pide a la familia que traiga las figuritas de La Sagrada Familia a la próxima casa que vamos a visitar la siguiente noche. Las Posadas son típicas de México; nosotros les hemos dado algunos matices Puertorriqueños y nuestra alegría.

Prayer for the help of the Holy Spirit

O God, send forth your Holy Spirit into my heart that I may perceive, into my mind that I may remember, and into my soul that I may meditate. Inspire me to speak with piety, holiness, tenderness and mercy. Teach, guide and direct my thoughts and senses from beginning to end. May your grace ever help and correct me, and may I be strengthened now with wisdom from on high, for the sake of your infinite mercy. Amen.

Saint Anthony of Padua

All are welcome and invited



Morning Prayer

Daily morning prayer, Liturgy of the Hours, is recited by the community Monday thru Saturday at 7:40 AM and followed by the Holy Rosary and morning Mass. We invite you to join our community of prayer.

The Holy Rosary



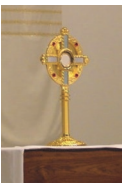
In the prayer of the Rosary, we are able to express ourselves in all forms of prayer: adoration, petition, intercession, thanksgiving, and praise. The prayer of the Rosary invites us to meditate on the life of Jesus, and pray as He did. His life models for us all forms of prayer. Monday thru Saturday the Holy Rosary is said at 8:00am, before Mass.

Praises of Divine Mercy



The Chaplet and Praises of Divine Mercy are said Monday through Friday from 3:00PM to 4:00PM, in the Eucharistic chapel.

Eucharistic Adoration



We have the opportunity and the privilege to adore Jesus in His Most Blessed Sacrament every Friday, beginning after the 8:30 AM Mass and ending with Benediction from 6:00 PM- 6:30 PM.

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

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Kindly place in the collection basket or return to parish office. Upon receipt of this application registration forms will be sent to you.