



St. Patrick
CATHOLIC CHURCH

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

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- Fr. Angelus Migliore celebrates 50 years of Priesthood
- Serving with Christ's Love
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- Adoration Invitation

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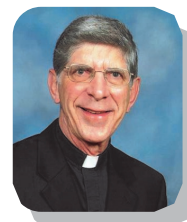


Shamrock News

*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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Notes from the Pastor

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

Our St. Patrick Parish Family is known as a welcoming, friendly, warm and loving parish. The central mystery that we celebrate together every weekend is the Eucharist and all of us are members of the one Body of Christ. Every year we celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi (the Body of Christ) and this year we celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi on June 22. The Feast of Corpus Christi is a celebration of the Eucharist. Although the Feast of Corpus Christi was instituted as a Catholic holiday in the 13th Century, the Sacrament of Holy Communion dates back to Holy Thursday, when Jesus instituted the Sacrament of Holy Communion as he shared the Last Supper with the disciples. At the Last Supper, Our Lord told his disciples to "do this in memory of me." In obedience to the Lord, we gather each weekend to share in the redemptive work of Christ and to receive our Lord, Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Eucharist.

The Risen Lord shares his divine life with us in the Eucharist and the Lord's life and presence has the power to change us as we receive Our Lord and yield to his transforming love and power. The source of this transforming and loving power is divine. In the gospel for the Feast of Corpus Christi we will read (John 6:54-58): *"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me*



and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven... whoever eats this bread will live forever." What a gift, incredible gift, freely given to us by the risen Lord! This gift is divine in origin as God shares with us the full grace of his divine presence.

The Church draws her life from the Eucharist. The Eucharistic sacrifice is "the source and summit of the Christian life". The most Holy Eucharist contains the church's entire spiritual wealth: Christ himself, our Passover and living bread. Through his own flesh, now made living and life giving by the Holy Spirit, he offers life to us. At the Eucharistic we see and discover the full manifestation of God's boundless love for us. The Eucharist is the gift of the Risen Lord along with the gift of his saving work. We are called to become what we receive, the alive and living Body of Christ, the Church. All of us are called to be missionary disciples.

We live in a very secular culture where there is an incredible denial of transcendence along with a practical atheism. Most see religion as an add-on claiming that they are just fine the way they are. This is deception since we are created to receive divine reality and we receive this divine life in the Eucharist. We need to be counter-culture. I beg you to reclaim Sunday as a day of worship and a day for family, rest and relaxation. Don't let Sunday become like any other day of the week. Worship as a family and spend quality time together. We do not come to Mass as spectators but we are called to full, active, conscious participation. Make church matter!

Invite others to come to our warm and loving parish family. Often a personal invitation is all people need to become a part of our parish family. We are all called to be missionary disciples and the Eucharist is where we pray together, hear god's Word and receive the Lord in the Eucharist. Let us be proud of our faith and live our faith day-by-day as believing and loving disciples. Be Not Afraid! Share our faith and share with others your love of the Lord and love of the Eucharist!

St. Patrick Catholic Church 2014 Confirmation Class



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Photography by Jonathan Fanning

Congratulations to those young people from our parish who were Confirmed on April 27, 2014 at Sacred Heart. Please pray for them and their families that they continue to grow in their faith, surrender to the power of the Holy Spirit and continue deepening their relationship with Christ. We are excited to have them fully initiated in to our parish community!

Ana Julia Castro

Jayla Marrero

Tyshara Dickerson

Jolie Truong-Nguyen

Nina Isern

James (Jimmy) Scionti

Harper Klotz

Santino (Tino) Soletti





Our family focused approach to the Sacrament *Written by Carl Longnecker*

In Holy Communion children take their second step, after Baptism, into full initiation into the Church. They receive the bread and wine at Mass and fully participate at the Table of the Lord.

We are blessed this year to have 21 children make their First Communion, one of our largest classes in recent years. They will make their First Communion at selected Masses between May 3 and May 31.

Do you remember when the Sisters taught the Communion classes to public school students on Saturday morning? Do you remember the big Mass, on a special Saturday, when all of the children came together, parents watching from the back of the Church to watch the children make their First Communion?

Families have changed a lot since then. Families are very busy, and parents seek quality time with their children. Parents want to be better teachers to their children about the Faith; yet they doubt their ability to teach. Within the parish we are from many different cultures,

and don't share the same rituals and traditions, this makes it harder to support each other.

Families have changed, and our First Communion program has changed.

Whenever we can, St. Patrick follows a lifelong faith formation model. We try to teach not only the children but all generations. As a result, our First



Communion program is innovative in these ways:

- ♦ "Parochial school families" and "public school families" share exactly the same program.
- ♦ Classes are for the children and the parent, they are in the classroom as a team, they learn together.
- ♦ The formation covers not only Communion facts and prayers but also what the parents should know about Catholic traditions at home and Christian service.
- ♦ It sometimes happens that the sponsor of a child will be a grandparent.
- ♦ And most visibly ... First Communion happens at regular weekend Masses. This better shares the Spirit with the entire parish.

You can see it in our First Communion families. This year we have families that have come recently from Poland, Montenegro, Puerto Rico and Colombia. We as a parish should be proud of these First Communion families. As families – parent, child, siblings, grandparents – they have walked this leg of the spiritual journey that brings their child to the Table of the Lord.



First Communion Class of 2014

Guvin Arancio

Evangeline Booher

Benjamin Brauning

Isabella Cuevas

Patrick Hyde

Marta Kaleta

Zuzanna Kaleta

Eleanor Kelly

Angelina Kussel

Sarina Marie Leihy

Alexandra Lovett

Danieliz Noguera

Victoria Ordonez

Kayla Grace Parsons

Kevin Perkovic

Alejandro Quintero

Corinne Schear

Skye Sheehy

Owen Stewart

Alanah Sullivan

Lillilana Taijeron





Front row L-R: Michael Brock, Mari-Beth Neil, Madison Williams, McKenzie Williams, Brandon Bolden and Maria Villalva. Second Row: Imanol Duenas-Morero, Carlos Flores, Jose Munoz, John Williams, Kari Williams, Fr. Stan Holland, T.O.R., Judy Taiclet and Cynthia Leahy-Fernandez.

RCIA Class of 2014

Michael Brock

Mari-Beth Neil

Madison Williams

McKenzie Williams

Brandon Bolden

Maria Villalva

Imanol Duenas-Morero

Jose Munoz

Kari Williams



If the journey that is the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) had its own mission statement, it would be Matthew 28: *"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, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."* Why you may ask? As the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops as stated "R.C.I.A. is the most fundamental of Catholic initiatives, a process designed to introduce, educate, and guide people into the Catholic faith ... it is about forming missionary disciples."

R.C.I.A. is about conversion to Jesus Christ; entering into a deeper living relationship with Him. R.C.I.A. is about becoming a missionary disciple of Jesus Christ; going out and preaching the Good News with their lives. R.C.I.A is about forming others to be Jesus Christ; with full knowledge in order to be the Light in a world of darkness.

This year Christ called nine persons to enter into the full sacramental life of our faith community here at St. Patrick. Of these nine persons, for the first time in my memory, six were either teenagers or pre-teens. Why so large a group of young people? The answer is simple: because others were disciples to them first. An aunt brought her nephew; a father brought not only his two daughters, but his wife as well. Parents saw their children being influenced not only by the world, but friends of other faiths. This discipleship was recognized by a senior member of our community who ask me at a fish fry R.C.I.A recently hosted this Lent, if these young people were involved in the R.C.I.A. journey. I said yes. She smiled and said "our church is in good hands."

This faith community is focused on missionary discipleship. Unlike other parishes, our R.C.I.A. is not a fall to spring journey whereby a person must fit into our schedule. When someone inquires (knocks), regardless of the time of year, we follow the example of Jesus Christ and answer the door. A week after Easter a new member of our parish: Stephen Naylor has entered into the R.C.I.A. journey. Please keep Stephen in your prayers.

So my challenge is this: How well are you being a disciple and bringing others to the faith in this ... **your** faith community? How are you giving of your time which is key to a true disciple by building up the Body of Christ in this ... **your** faith community? Are you actively investing and inviting others either to enter or to come home to this... **your** faith community?

There are many opportunities to assist in the R.C.I.A. journey. By being a sponsor. By being a member of the team and equally important, praying for those who are just waiting for the invitation of Christ to "Come and See." Everyone has a role and responsibility to be that missionary disciple. As Father Jim has said: "God is about a mighty work here in South Tampa. This is our mission territory." If you are interested in joining the R.C.I.A. team, or if you are interested in learning more about our faith, please call the parish office.

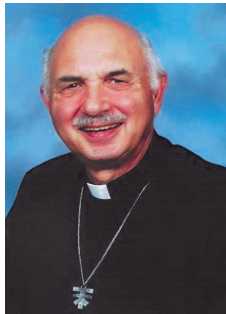
Written by: John V. Williams, O.F.S.





Fr. Angelus Migliore, T.O.R. Celebrates 50 Years of Priesthood

The Reverend Angelus Migliore, T.O.R. Invites you to participate in the Mass of Thanksgiving commemorating the Golden Jubilee of his Ordination to the Priesthood, to be offered in St. Patrick Catholic Church on Sunday, the 25th of May, 2014 at 11:00 A.M., A reception will immediately follow in the Social Hall.



All Are Invited to Celebrate!

Serving with Christ's Love

St. Patrick Catholic Church Elementary Faith Formation

Our program for Faith Formation uses the award-winning curriculum developed by Loyola Press, "Finding God." The detailed and carefully coordinated lesson plans incorporate a spiral curriculum that annually explores core Catholic teachings and traditions at an ever-increasing level of sophistication. It is accompanied by a website full of supporting activities and information.

Our Children's Faith Formation program features family involvement that fits into the busy schedules of today's families. While children are attending regular Faith Formation classes, the parents are offered their own formation opportunities such as "Coffee with Clergy". We average three meetings a month and never on the three-day weekends for holidays. This schedule allows our parents to plan for family visits and time together, a precious commodity for busy families. We begin in early September and complete before the end of May.

Five of the sessions during the year are Inter-Generational, where parents and children sit side-by-side participating in service events to benefit the homeless, the ill, the homebound, or those whose needs cry for help. These events let the intellectual exercise of learning extend into the physical hands of the children and parents so that the idea of helping others becomes a present reality. Please visit www.StPatrickTampa.org or contact the Parish Office at 813-839-5337 for more information about our Elementary Faith Formation program.



First Communion Class 2014

Faith Formation Families in Service

This year our Faith Formation Families assisted with preparing food for the homeless, coloring cards for the homebound, and preparing 250 hot meals for the residents of Pinellas Hope. Thank you to all the families for serving our community with the Love we share through Jesus Christ.



Pentecost Celebration



Parish Family Gallery



International Pentecost Celebration

Sunday June 8, 2014 Mass at 11:00 A.M.

The Catholic Community of St. Patrick invites you to experience the cultural diversity of our one community in Christ with food, cultural displays, and entertainment.

For more information call Hiram Rodriguez at 813-839-5337 ext. 130 or Carmelo & Elba Meletiche 813-282-1587.

Come, See, and Celebrate!

We are on body in Christ

Celebracion Internacional de Pentecostes

La Comunidad Catolica de St. Patrick te invita a disfrutar de la diversidad cultural de nuestra comunidad en Cristo

con comida, exhibiciones, y entretenimiento.

Para mas informacion, favor de llamar a Hiram Rodriguez 813-839-5337 ext/. 130 o Carmelo & Elba Meletiche 813-282-1587.

A personal experience shared...

For me personally Pentecost Day is one of the most fantastic and important historical events

- ◆ It was the coming of the Holy Spirit
- ◆ It was the Birth of our Church
- ◆ It was the fulfillment of the Holy Spirit for the Body of believers as promised by Christ in John 14:16-18
- ◆ It was the personal fulfillment of the Holy Spirit in each of the believers
- ◆ It was the presence and the Power of God that came upon the believers, to proclaim the Glorious message of salvation to the whole world

Para Mi,

El Dia de Pentecostes es uno de los eventos mas fantasticos e importantes de toda la historia porque:

- ◆ Fue la <<venida del Espiritu Santo>>
- ◆ Fue el nacimiento de la Iglesia
- ◆ Fue la llenura del Espiritu Santo para el cuerpo de los creyentes prometida por Cristo. Juan 14.16 18
- ◆ Fue la llenura del Espiritu Santo en forma personal para cada uno de los creyentes.
- ◆ Fue la Presencia y el poder de dios que vino a los creyentes para proclamar el glorioso mensaje de salvaciona todo el mundo

Please visit www.StPatrickTampa.org for more information on our Pentecost Celebration



Understanding Catholic Devotion to Mary, By: Thomas Merton

"This is often forgotten by Catholics themselves, and therefore it is not surprising that those who are not Catholic often have a completely wrong conception of Catholic devotion to the Mother of God. They imagine, and sometimes we can understand their reasons for doing so, that Catholics treat the Blessed Virgin as an almost divine being in her own right, as if she had some glory, some power, some majesty of her own that placed her on a level with Christ Himself. They regard the Assumption of Mary into heaven as a kind of apotheosis placed in the Redemption would seem to be equal to that of her Son. +++ But this is all completely contrary to the true mind of the Catholic Church.+++ It forgets that Mary's chief glory is in her nothingness, in the fact of being the "Handmaid of the Lord," as one who in

becoming the Mother of God acted simply in loving submission to His command, in the pure obedience of faith. She is blessed not because of some mythical pseudo-divine prerogative, but in all her human and womanly limitations as one who has believed. It is the faith and the fidelity of this humble handmaid, "full of grace" that enables her to be the perfect instrument of God, and nothing else but His instrument. The work that was done in her purely the work of God. "He that is mighty hath done great things in me." The glory of Mary is purely and simply the glory of God in her. and she, like anyone else, can say that she has nothing that she has not received from Him through Christ...."

To read the full article please visit <http://www.catholic.org/prayers/merton.php>

**Hail, Mary!
Full of grace,
The Lord is
with thee;
Blessed are thou
among women,
and blessed is the
fruit of thy womb,
Jesus.**

**May 31, 2014
Feast Day of the Visitation of the
Blessed Virgin Mary**

Invitation to share in Adoration of the Holy Eucharist

"I'm Here, Where are you?" Jesus is calling you to come and worship Him and thank Him for all the blessings that he has given. Every Friday from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM

"Estoy Aqui- Adonde Estas Tu?" Jesus lo esta llamando a usted para que venga a adorarlo y darle gracias por todas las bendiciones que el le a dado. Todos los viernes de 9:00 AM a 6:00 PM



Important Dates

May 25, 2014, 11am Mass

Mass Celebration of Fr. Angelus Migliore, T.O.R. Golden Jubilee of his Ordination to the Priesthood

May 31, 2014

Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Feast Day

June 1, 2014 Holy Day of Obligation

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

June 8, 2014

The Solemnity of the Pentecost

June 15, 2014

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity Father's Day

June 22, 2014

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ - The Feast of Corpus Christi - Procession will be after the 11am Mass

June 23-27, 2014

Vacation Bible School at St. Patrick Catholic Church

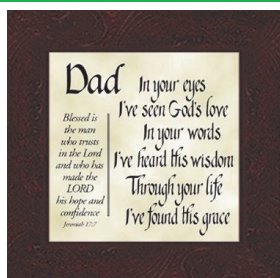
June 24, 2014

The Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist

June 24, 2014

The Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Welcome, Please join Us...



**FATHER'S DAY
Bar-B-Q and Movie Night**
For Father's Day weekend
this year, we will be having
a bar-b-q and showing the
movie "Courageous"

Saturday, June 14, 2014

6:30 - 9:00 PM, Room 24

- ♦ Come watch the movie "Courageous" and receive an inspirational message for dad's and families.
- ♦ Seating limited to 40 people, \$6 donation requested. Register with the Church parish office 813-839-5337 to reserve a spot. Babysitting will be provided if desired. *Be sure and register so we can meet your needs.*
- ♦ Couples Welcome (Adults only please)
- ♦ Sponsored by the Men's Faith & Formation Group



St. Patrick Catholic Church VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL June 23 - June 27

Please visit www.StPatrickTampa.org for
more information coming soon
To register please contact Deacon Ben Hooks
at 813-839-5337 ext. 206 or
bhooks@StPatrickTampa.org

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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 _____

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Email _____

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