



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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Celebrating our Parish Successes & Blessings

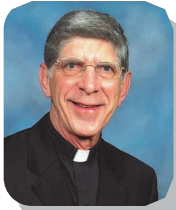
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Welcome to St. Patrick Catholic Church

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

In this issue of our Shamrock News we are looking back with Grateful hearts at the blessings which God has bestowed upon us this year. One of these blessings is our new church entrance project.

Our parish family home of St. Patrick's has always been a very warm, loving and welcoming parish. Every one of you, our wonderful parishioners, has an incredible amount of beauty inside of you because you share in God's life and we know that God is beautiful and perfect. Thus, the Church Entrance reflects both God's beauty and your beauty. The

central feature is a beautiful statue of the Holy Family—Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Jesus is standing in front of Mary and Joseph with his hands extended in welcome and hospitality. As we share in the life of Jesus,



we likewise extend our hands in welcome and warmth to one another along with always welcoming new members to our parish. Mary and Joseph are warmly holding each other as a sign that we are called to be a holy parish family sharing with each other the deep love of our Divine Lord.

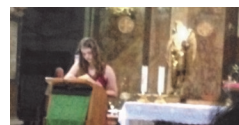
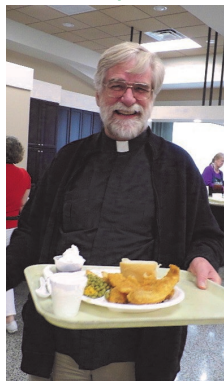
The pavers are extended into the parking lot as a sign that we want



everyone to come from our individual families to form one large family of faith here at St. Patrick's. The colorful flowers and landscaping enable us to express the beauty of God found in nature. St. Francis of Assisi composed the beautiful poem of *Brother Sun and Sister Moon* in order to call upon all creation to praise God. All of us and God's creation are to praise and worship the living Lord. The trees and statue have lights shining on them as a sign that we are called to be the light of Christ for others. As we climb the steps entering the church, we are able to hold on to new handrails as a sign that in life every step we take can lead us closer to the Lord as we hold onto the handrails of God's grace. Thus, all of us growing disciples are empowered to grow other disciples. Jesus said: "Know that I am with you always."



Our Parish Family



Thanks to Willie Reyes, Byron McCants, Charles Murawski, our Ministry Leaders & Parish Staff, and all our wonderful photographers in our Parish for capturing the Spirit alive here at St. Patrick.

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Above: One of our wonderful young Lectors, Jordan Buzzett, was blessed with the opportunity to read during a Mass in Rome, Italy at San Sivestro in Capite Catholic Church, this summer.

Parish Families in Service sharing Blessings with Our Community



During the year our Parish Faith Formation Ministry leads inter-generational events where members our parish family, parents and children participate in service events to benefit the homeless, the ill, the home-bound, or those whose needs cry for help. This past Spring the Parish Ministry made and served 250 dinners for the homeless at Pinellas Hope. Also, during Thanksgiving and Christmas they joined in gathering and preparing food to feed the hungry and homeless and volunteered at Metropolitan Ministries.

Filled with the Holy Spirit



St. Patrick Pentecost Celebration

We celebrated Easter Sunday – The Resurrection of The Lord, one of the most important celebrations of our Church and the Liturgical Year. The celebration is a good reminder for all of us that there is more to come. The Lord died and was buried and on the third day he rose again then what? The followers of Jesus were disappointed, sad, fearful and hiding; then he appears and some believed but not all. For forty days the Lord made appearances to many others but his apostles were still disappointed, sad, fearful and hiding and then came the Promise – an Advocate, a Counselor, a Protector will come and they will be changed and will fear no more. They will speak with conviction and valor about The Good News of Salvation and of Jesus to all within hearing distance.



On the feast day of Pentecost, when they were all in one place together, suddenly there came a noise like a strong driving wind and it filled the house where they were hiding. “Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.” (Acts 2: 3).

There were many people from many countries who had come to Jerusalem yet they all heard them proclaim the glory of The Lord. A diversity of people hearing one message.

On PENTECOST SUNDAY, May 24, 2015, we the members of the Catholic Community of St. Patrick came to mass to celebrate the birthday of the Church but before entering our place of worship, we saw 38 different flags waiving in the wind for it was a windy morning, representing our own diversity. We were coming to hear the one message of salvation and to be with Emmanuel – God among us in the Holy Eucharist. We, who come from various ethnic backgrounds, came together as one united in our diversity. First we celebrated our Thanksgiving Feast in the Holy Mass and then we came together as one body in our newly renovated Social Hall, to share socially as one family by sharing various foods, artifacts, dresses and music from our ancestral homes. Our Pentecost Celebration has been and remains one of the best attended events in our church simply because we become one while maintaining our diversity. We come together as The Body of Christ in an attitude of thanksgiving and praise to our God for all his blessings poured upon our parish family.



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St. Patrick Catholic Parish Family Celebrating the Sacraments

Baptism



Since June of 2014, 40 infants and young children received the Sacrament of Baptism here at St. Patrick Catholic Church.

Baptism is the single most important religious moment in the life of a person. "Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit, and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as children of God; we become members of Christ and are incorporated in the Church and made sharers in her mission." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #1213)

First Holy Communion

This year 15 great children, Madeline Boos, Robert Boos, Alexander Cuevas, LJ Fishman, Mark Geary, Sean Harrop, Alexa Kopp Salas, Isaiah Loboda, Lauren Launikitis, Landon Parsons, Olivia Parsons, Miguel Rodriguez, Yesenia Rosario, Alana Salazar, Ivanna Sandoval, came to our St. Patrick altar for Holy Communion for the first time.



Confirmation

On April 26, 2015, 17 children from our Parish were Confirmed at Sacred Heart Catholic Church by Most Reverend Bishop Robert Lynch. Romeo Allaer, William Barker, Mateo Takeru Craig, DeShaun Dickerson, Juliana Heath, Sebastian Hernandez, Aiden Kussel, Freddy Kussel, Nadia Kussel, Aaron Lively, Isabella Noel Lodato, Darieliz Noguerras, Ava Oliva, Luis Rafael Rosario, Miguel Santiago, Desedi Tamez, Samantha Weaver.



The Sacrament of Confirmation is a sacrament in which the Holy Spirit is given to those already baptized in order to make them strong and perfect Christians, followers of Jesus Christ and defenders of the Faith.

Confirmation means accepting responsibility for your faith and destiny. The focus is on the Holy Spirit, who confirmed the apostles on Pentecost and gave them courage to practice their faith. Catholics believe that same Holy Spirit confirms Catholics during the Sacrament of Confirmation and gives them the same gifts and fruits.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

We would like to Welcome Shannon Brace, Meghan French, Emily Kron, Christine McVeety, and Mitchell Martin, to the fullness of our Catholic Faith.

The acronym "RCIA" is short for the "Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults," the document flowing from Vatican II that guides the process by which adults are initiated into our Roman Catholic community. The RCIA describes a never ending journey in which those called by Christ to enter into a deeper relationship with Him guided and cared for as they awaken in faith and are introduced to the Sacramental life of the Body of Christ, the Church.

The RCIA process is a series of carefully planned pillars, marked by liturgical rites in the presence of the whole community, in which new Catholics embark on and join us in a continuing and deepening conversion into faith, evangelization and discipleship. The RCIA takes the distinctive history and spiritual needs of each person into account, differentiating between the baptized and the unbaptized, the catechized and the uncatechized. The needs of mature, practicing Christians from other faith traditions are also embraced and nourished.

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Youth Ministry

Did you know that we are making big strides within our youth ministry! Next year, we will be seeing three major new opportunities!

First, we will be introducing a new regular youth ministry meeting on Sunday mornings which will encourage the teens to attend Sunday mass with their family.

Next, we are going to have more service events! One or two each month! The majority of the hours will meet the Bright Future's Scholarship requirements!

Lastly, we will be starting two leadership small groups for teens that desire to grow as disciples by serving the parish and community!

Overall, we have many wonderful things to come!



CREATED 2015: TEEN SERVICE CAMP

Come serve, share, learn, and join the fun Monday- Thursday , June 29 - July 2, 2015 from 9:00am- 3:00pm. Middle and High School students will grow in appreciation of all God's creations, humans as the pinnacle of God's creations, and that He gave us the land to work and His word to fill us!

Find out why He created you!



Welcome



Aerial Photography by: Donnie Klotz

