



St. Patrick
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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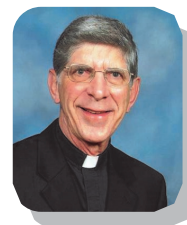
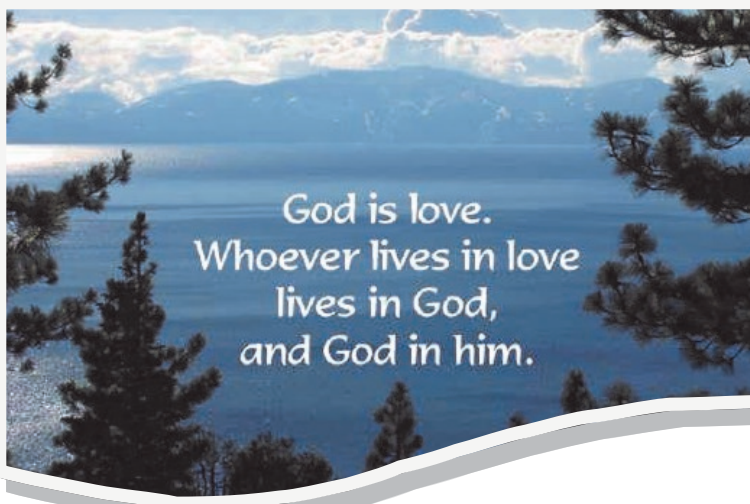


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*Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit
Matthew 28:19*

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Notes from the Pastor

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

All of us can continue to grow in faith, love and hope as disciples of Christ. In the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians we read: "Grow up in the full stature of Christ." This maturity in Christ means we take responsibility for the gifts that have been given to us. We have all been gifted by the Spirit of God as the spirit moves among us. Growing up in Christ means that we learn how to use these gifts wisely and well. Life under the reign of God, life in the community of faith, is the life of entering more and more into the world of gifts and thus as we are able, using them in a working relationship with Jesus Christ and our community of faith. The dynamism is being aware of the power of the Holy Spirit moving among us, that Spirit who is the giver of all good gifts. We are called to be aware of our gifts and to discern how God wants us to use our gifts in the service of one another and in the service of our parish and the world as we grow in the full stature of Christ. Let your gifts come alive as an engaged member of St. Patrick's Parish.

You are invited to enter deeply into the Spirit of Christ as that Spirit moves within you. Thus you discern what Christ's vision and journey is for you and what he is inviting you to do by the choices you make, in your relationships, in your jobs, and your relationship with the community. In your journey, you recognize the centrality of the Eucharist as we are fed with the bread of eternal life and where we create space for the spirit of God to act in us. As you are empowered, ask God where he wants you to use your gifts to build his kingdom here on earth. The Eucharist is the source and summit of our lives. This helps you be aware of how blessed and gifted you are.



Notes from Fr. Jim Angert continued... Our mission here at St. Patrick's Parish is to be disciples as we love God and one another. This love is expressed as we use our gifts for the glory of God and the service of others. Realizing all we have is a gift from God, stewardship is discipleship in action. As a result, we give back to God a portion of our time, talent and treasure. The central use of your time is to pray or deepen your relationship with Christ and others. We use our gifts and talents as we are involved in the ministries of our parish. Our treasure is the way we give to God in our house of worship as an act of worship. I "Thank You" for all the ways you contribute to make St. Patrick's Parish a family of faithful disciples who are also growing disciples by loving and serving God and others. Our parish is a warm and loving parish because of all of you who are the parish family of St. Patrick's.



Families In Service

For our faith to take strong root in our children, it is beneficial that parents and children together participate in activities that respond to God's call to be Missionary Disciples – to demonstrate our love for others and share with them the love that God has so generously bestowed on us. No words or lessons we provide in church can match the influence of



the actions of the parents in demonstrating the faith. What you do is much more important than what you say. It is in the doing that we can become Jesus for others.

This year Parents & Children will provide a service to the community ministry of your choosing. Our website has been posted with a list of Food Pantries and Clothing Centers where you can volunteer for a shift or to gather food or clothing to make contributions. The listing was created by Metropolitan

Ministries in partnership with the Tampa Bay Network to End Hunger: 33 locations are listed for Tampa alone and more than that again for sites throughout Hillsborough County.



Here's what you do:

1. Pick a site and call them to see if they are a good match for your family: size, ages etc., and how you can help. Find out the requirements, availabilities and needs and make a commitment.
2. Talk with your children about the work you'll be doing as a family and help them to make a connection between this work and what Jesus wants us to do to love our neighbors. Be sure and pray together before you go. Talk to them afterwards to see how the work matched their expectations and what their conclusions were about their efforts. Pray again at

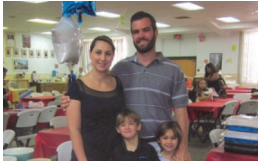


the end to thank God for your many blessings and that your efforts may help those who are so greatly in need.

Fill out the Ministry Discipleship Evaluation form (available on the parish website) and have your child return it at their first Faith Formation class after Thanksgiving.

This could be the start of a family tradition. Let us help others and express our gratitude to God! Thank you for participating in our first annual Family Ministry Project!





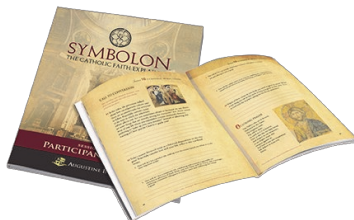
We are excited to announce that our parish has become a partner in a dynamic faith formation program called Symbolon. This program is designed to help our parish form adults in the Catholic faith, and can be used both here at the parish and in our own homes.



WHAT IS 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 contains guides for leaders and for participants, as well as engaging video content aimed at teaching us more about our Catholic faith. The 20 episodes in 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 (including Confession and the Eucharist), Catholic Morality, God's Plan for Human Sexuality, and Catholic Social Teaching.

- ◆ Life-Transforming Faith Formation
- ◆ Comprehensive Study of the Faith
- ◆ Filmed on Location in Rome, the Holy Land and Calcutta
- ◆ Solid Theology, Simply Explained
- ◆ Life Application Throughout Every Episode



HOW CAN I USE IT?

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.

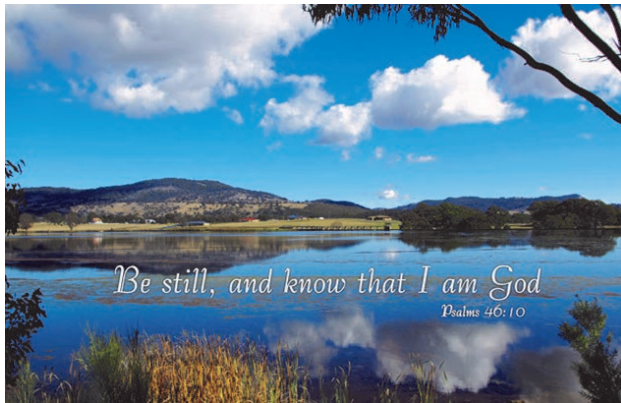


It is extremely important that we as Catholics not only know our Catholic faith, but also bear witness to Christ in our daily lives, particularly in this time of the New Evangelization. I strongly encourage every parishioner to take advantage of this excellent resource and make it a priority to learn more about our faith so that we can not only live it out more deeply, but also share it with others. Symbolon works great for Bible Studies, Men's & Women's Groups, RCIA, and especially family faith formation right at home. You can find our registration link on our parish website at www.StPatrickTampa.org. From there, you can make your own log-in and get started today. We know Symbolon will be an invaluable resource for our parish in bringing adults into a deeper communion with Jesus Christ and his Church, and we look forward to helping you navigate this new tool as we form disciples for the New Evangelization.

For more information or to register for our parish online program please visit our website at www.StPatrickTampa.org

A Moment in Prayer - Lectio Divina

Lectio Divina is a method for praying with and meditating on Scripture. There are four movements to Lectio Divina: read (Lectio), meditate (Meditatio), pray (Oratio), and contemplate (Contemplatio). These four movements flow together to engage the person in a prayerful process of divine reading of the Scriptures.



A Process for Lectio Divina

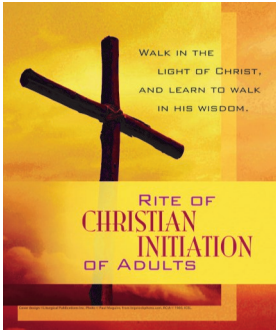
Quiet your body and mind. Become aware of your breathing, recognizing God's life breathing into you. You may wish to repeat a word or phrase to help you quiet and focus, such as "Be still and know that I am God." (Psalm 46:10)

Choose a Scripture passage. Then, read the Scripture passage four times, leaving a few minutes of silence in between each reading.

- **Lectio, Read** - Read the passage slowly, listening with the ear of the heart. Notice if any phrase, sentence or word stands out and gently begin to repeat it to yourself, allowing it to touch you deeply.
 - * What does that word or phrase mean to you?
 - * Why do you think that word or phrase touches your heart?
 - * What is God saying to you in that word or phrase?
 - * You may not get through the entire passage if words and phrases touch your heart, but that is okay.
- **Meditatio, Meditate** - Reflect while you read the passage a second time. Notice what is arising within you. Let the words resound in your heart. sit quietly and listen for God's voice. Contemplate the meaning of the passage, and think about what God might be saying to you through those words and phrases.
- **Oratio, Pray** - Respond to the passage spontaneously with prayer. Notice any prayerful response that arises within you.
- **Contemplatio, Contemplate** - The fourth time you read the passage, sit in silence afterwards, resting in God's presence. Just be.

End your meditation and contemplation with a prayer of thanksgiving and praise to God. You may pray the Glory Be or create your own prayer.





RCIA

R.C.I.A. is the acronym for the **R**ite of **C**hristian **I**nitiation of **A**dults. RCIA is the path by which adults (those over the age of reason) enter into full communion with the Catholic faith community. RCIA is for those adults who have not been baptized and for those from other faith communities who are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith. RCIA is a

welcoming path for those returning to the faith who have not yet completed the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist). RCIA is also for those fully-initiated Catholics who simply want to learn more about the faith. RCIA is an opportunity for a deepening conversion, thereby enabling disciples to make disciples.

We normally meet on Sunday mornings from 9:00AM -10:30 AM in Room 21, though we will work to meet your schedule as opposed to forcing you to meet ours. The work of disciples making disciples is accomplished by reflecting and celebrating each person's unique journey in life and joining that with the experiences of the Scriptures, while explaining the teachings of the Catholic Church.

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 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM. Visit the Parish Website for the EDGE NIGHT dates.** Kristin Loboda, Middle School Youth Minister, Email: middleschoolministry@stppatricktampa.org or call the parish office at 813-839-5337.



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! **High School Teens meet every Sunday at 4:00 PM for Crossroads and every Wednesday night at 7:00 PM for Go Deeper.** All are welcome! Please contact Jeanine Baker, High School Youth Minister, at 813-839-5337 ext. 304 or jbaker@stppatricktampa.org.

Some Upcoming Events...

- ◆ Sunday, November 16 - Thanksgiving Celebration
- ◆ Wednesday, November 19 - Thanksgiving Reflection
- ◆ Saturday, November 22 & December 20 - Metropolitan Ministries Service Projects

Visit the Youth Ministry Pages on our Parish Website for more information @ www.StPatrickTampa.org

Thank you and God Bless!



Shoe & Sock Drive

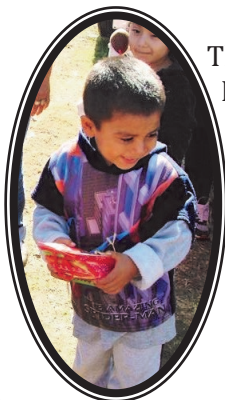


I once complained that I did not have shoes, until I met someone who had no feet.

We all take shoes for granted, but in the case of underprivileged children, new shoes not only cover bare feet, but they go a long way towards building personal self-esteem.

We know that there are many children in our community who wear worn and tattered shoes and some have no shoes at all. You have all been so generous in the past years with your donations, and we truly thank you for your support. We are collecting new shoes and socks, and also used shoes that are in good shape.

Remember that each pair you donate will bring a smile to a child that may not have much to smile about.



Thank you for your Donation.

Sincerely,
Hiram Rodriguez,
Outreach Minister



The Giving Tree

In most parts of the world, during the Christmas season, it is customary to share gifts and time with our families, friends, and those for whom we have special affection. At St. Patrick Catholic Church, we celebrate the Christmas season by providing a gift to our annual "Giving Tree." The Giving Tree is a Christmas tree which is decorated with colorful tags bearing the names of children, the elderly, or needy individuals who have been identified by members of our parish family. Many of the individuals are residents of our neighboring HUD buildings. Others are children from the various migrant communities around Brandon and Valrico. Yet others are parishioners

of our sister church - Blessed Sacrament - whom we have adopted. There are people from our own community who are in need and whose names are also included in the decorations. All individuals are identified by name, age, sex, and gift idea to ensure that an age-appropriate gift is provided.

Our parish family members take one or more tags and obtain a gift which is placed under the Giving Tree. These gifts are then distributed by members of the parish staff, the Hispanic Outreach Ministry, or anyone else who may wish to participate in the distribution. We go to each migrant community and distribute the presents as gifts from the St. Patrick Catholic Church family. We make a special effort to gather the elderly residents of our HUD buildings - Patrician Arms I and Patrician Arms II - and make an event of the distribution of gifts by providing music and

goodies. The Giving Tree is a way to share in our stewardship of the gifts of time, talent, and treasure.



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Christmas Musical

Our St. Patrick's Combined music ministry will come together for our annual Christmas Musical.

The First Noel

***Celebrating the Birthday of a King
Saturday, December 20, 2014
7:30 PM***

Don't miss our youth and adult choirs as they sing some of your favorite carols and new contemporary songs. This is a FREE concert – our gift to our St. Patrick's families. Please support the hard work of our music ministry by setting aside this time to enjoy this beautiful evening of music.



Preparing for Jesus

Children's Advent Celebration

Friday, December 5, 2014 6pm – 9pm

This is a great opportunity for children Pre-K through 5th grade to gather in fun and prayer and learn about Advent. The Parish Youth 6th grade and up are invited to be leaders.

This is also an ideal time for you to shop, have a dinner date, or spend a couple of quiet hours at home.

For more information please contact Deacon Ben at bhooks@stpatricktampa.org or 813-839-5337 Ext. 206

Important Dates

November 1, 2014

All Saints Day

November 2, 2014

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, All Souls' Day

November 11, 2014

Veterans Day

Parish Office will be closed

November 23, 2014

The Feast of Christ the King

November 27, 2014

Thanksgiving Day

Parish Office will be closed on 11/27/2014 and 11/28/2014

November 30, 2014

First Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2014

Holy Day of Obligation

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

December 12, 2014

Our Lady of Guadalupe

December 25, 2014

Holy Day of Obligation

Nativity of the Lord

December 28, 2014

Holy Day of Obligation

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

January 1, 2015

Holy Day of Obligation

Mary, Mother of God

January 4, 2014

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 11, 2014

The Baptism of the Lord



The "That Man is You!" (TMIY) program is a 26-week interactive men's agenda that combines the best research from science and the teachings of the Catholic faith and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of a man fully alive. The program has been very effective in transforming men, marriage, and families, and independent research by the Faith Adviser to The Gallop Poll identified it as one of the most life transforming programs ever studied.

This past fall we began the second year of TMIY, entitled "A Light to the Nations," which considers man in his relationship to his spouse. Heavily influenced by the thought of Pope John Paul II, A Light to the Nations takes men on a provocative journey into the spiritual reality of our time: "The family has been placed at the heart of the great struggle between good and evil, between life and death, and between love and all that is opposed to love." (Pope John Paul II, Letter to Families, #23).

The program will conclude by helping men develop a spiritual plan of life for their families based upon the below Seven Steps to a Healthy, Happy, Holy Family:

Step 1: Honor your Wedding Vows

Step 2: Use Money for the Benefit of Others

Step 3: Give God some of your Time

Step 4: Set your Mind on the Things Above

Step 5: Find God in Yourself

Step 6: Find God in Other People

Step 7: Make it Easy to be Good and Hard to be Bad

Another benefit of the program is that you get to meet other men of the parish and the surrounding area and develop lasting friendships. And please do not hesitate to attend if you missed last year's program – TMIY is not necessarily designed to be cumulative so you can "picked it" it up at any time.

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday mornings, in Classroom 24. Breakfast starts at 7:00 am, followed by the video presentation at 7:20, and then we break for a small group discussion before ending precisely at 8:30. For further information, please call or email

Deacon Ben Hooks at 813-839-5337 or bhooks@stpatricktampa.org,

Bob Schellenberger at 813-525-4077

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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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Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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