

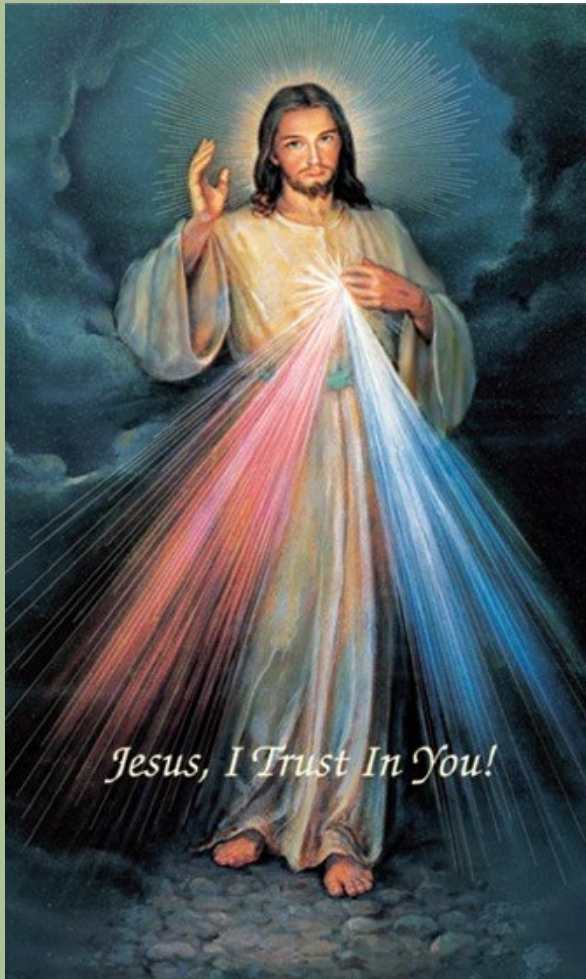
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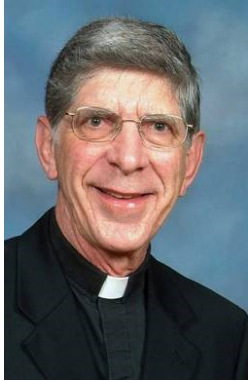
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# Shamrock News

Spring 2016 Edition

## Sharing in God's Love & Mercy





**Fr. Jim Angert, T.O.R. Pastor**

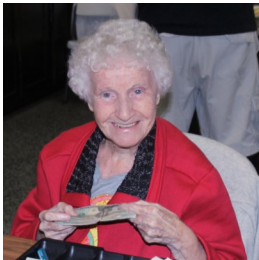
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### A letter from our Pastor

This issue of the Shamrock News will focus on many acts of mercy that you, our wonderful parishioners, are performing for the good of others. As growing disciples, we know that our faith in Jesus finds expression through good works, especially the spiritual and corporal works of mercy.

Pope Francis stated that at times we are called to gaze even more attentively on mercy so that we may become a more effective sign of the Father’s action in our lives. For this reason Pope Francis proclaimed an “ Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy” as a special time for the Church, a time when the witness of believers might grow stronger and more effective. The Holy Year began on December 8, 2015, which was the fiftieth anniversary of the closing of the Second Vatican Council and the Jubilee year will close with the liturgical Solemnity of Christ the King on November 20, 2016.

Jesus Christ is the face of the Father’s mercy. Mercy has become living and visible in Jesus of Nazareth. We are called to gaze even more attentively on mercy so that we may become a more effective sign of the Father’s action in our lives. May we have confidence that the strength of the Risen Lord, who constantly supports us on our pilgrim way, will always support us. May the Holy Spirit, who guides the steps of believers in cooperation with the work of salvation wrought by Christ, lead and support all of us so that we may contemplate the face of mercy. Enjoy this issue of the Shamrock News and be aware of the many acts of mercy performed by our parishioners. Through these acts of mercy our parishioners are making present for others the face of the Father’s mercy.



Thank you to all of our wonderful photographers and our smiling parish community!



### *A special online program beginning on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 3rd*

Renowned speaker and author Fr. Michael Gaitley tells the dramatic history of God's Love and Mercy as interwoven through the transformative message of St. Faustina, the miraculous appearance of Mary at Fatima, the witness of Maximilian Kolbe, and the world-changing papacy of Pope St. John Paul II. Featuring the brilliant cinematic artistry of the Augustine Institute's film studio, the vast panorama of God's work of mercy in the world unfolds as a story to be experienced.

**Episodes will be available for a limited time** on FORMED.org beginning on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 3rd!

**Login or Sign Up for FREE by entering code: 3673ec**

## **Divine Mercy Sunday, April 3, 2016**

The Sunday after Easter was designated as Divine Mercy Sunday in 2001 by Pope John Paul II. At St. Patrick, we will have a Holy Hour beginning at 3:00 PM with the singing of the Chaplet of Mercy.

Jesus told Sr. Faustina that this Feast of Mercy would be a very special day when "all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened." (Diary 699) Our Lord made a great promise to all those souls who would go to Confession and then receive Him in Holy Communion on the Feast of Mercy, on the Sunday after Easter, which is now called Divine Mercy Sunday throughout the Catholic Church.

We want to encourage everyone to take advantage of this incredible promise and the additional Plenary Indulgence on this great Feast of Mercy. We want you to benefit fully from these promises, and we also want you to notify all of your family and friends about them, too, and urge them to return to the practice of the faith.

The Image of The Divine Mercy, which Our Lord requested to be solemnly blessed and venerated on this day, will be on display in our church beginning at 3:00 PM.



# Mercy

## Jubilee of Mercy Merciful Like the Father

You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified.

You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with it's anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.  
Amen.



## Faith In Action- St. Vincent de Paul

The St Vincent de Paul Society here at St Patrick wants to share with you the enormous impact you are having on the needy individuals and families in our community. When you make a donation on Sunday, your contribution goes directly to help someone in need very quickly, and in many cases before you return to mass the next Sunday. Your generosity has restored electricity/water or has prevented it from being shut off for perhaps a single mother with children. It has provided food to families with little or no income who may be waiting to be approved for food stamps.

After assessing the need and our ability to help, the members of our ministry serve those in need by going to them and making home visits. We arrive with a smile. We sit with them in their home. We listen to their situation, and we help them to the best of our ability. When appropriate, we even pray with them as well. The effort of a stranger who will come to their home and help them in such a way is often times overwhelming to our clients. They are very appreciative!

It is only by your gifts that we are able to help so many people. Thank you for your generosity! For more information on our ministry please call 813-839-5337 ext. 174.

## St. Patrick Outreach Ministry

The mission of the Outreach Ministry is to bring about in all Catholics such enthusiasm for their faith that in living their faith in Jesus, they freely share it with others. The Outreach Ministry invites people from different social or cultural backgrounds to hear the message of salvation in Jesus Christ so they may come to join us in the fullness of the Catholic faith. The Outreach Ministry fosters gospel values in our society by promoting the dignity of the human person, the importance of the family, and the common good of our society.

Our Hispanic Outreach Ministry assists in helping individuals find employment, assists in obtaining immigration and naturalization papers, and provides clothing, books, and household items to individuals and families in need. For more information or to learn more about how you can help in our Outreach Ministry, please contact Hiram Rodriguez at [tampasapo@aol.com](mailto:tampasapo@aol.com) or 813-839-5337 ext. 136.

***“It is a favorable time to heal wounds, a time to offer everyone the way of Forgiveness and Reconciliation.” -Pope Francis***

### *Corporal Works of Mercy*

To Feed the Hungry  
To Give Drink to the Thirsty  
To clothe the Naked  
To Shelter the Homeless  
To Care for the Sick  
To Visit the Imprisoned  
To Bury the Dead

### *Spiritual Works of Mercy*

To Convert Sinners  
To Instruct the Ignorant  
To Advise the Doubtful  
To Comfort the Sorrowful  
To Bear Wrongs Patiently  
To Forgive Injuries  
To Pray for the Living and Dead

***The Holy Year of Mercy December 8, 2015 - November 20, 2016***



**“Women of Mercy  
in the  
Year of Mercy”**

**Women’s  
Retreat**

**Saturday  
April 2, 2016**

## Council of Catholic Women

St. Patrick Council of Catholic Women (CCW) has been a beacon of mercy since it’s beginning. Our ladies serve parish members on Sunday mornings, maintain the Religious Articles Store, visit nursing homes, collect suitcases for foster children and gifts for young women at Alpha House, clip coupons for overseas military families, and send representatives to Tallahassee to meet with state officials on right to life issues. We will be presenting a women’s retreat, “Women of Mercy in the Year of Mercy” for all women of the parish on April 2, 2016. We pray for the needs and concerns of our Holy Father, our priests, our parish family, and our own members. We welcome new members to our group. Meetings are on the first Wednesday of the month in the social hall.

**Catholic Days at the Capitol**, sponsored by the Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops is held annually in Tallahassee, Florida. This event enables participants to meet and visit with our Legislators to ask their support on selected Bills that deal with LIFE, HEALTH CARE, EDUCATION, AND SOCIAL CONCERNS priorities. It provides an opportunity for Catholics in Florida to carry out their responsibility to participate in political life.

We conclude this event with The Red Mass of the Holy Spirit celebrated at the co-cathedral of St. Thomas More. All people who serve in the Executive, Legislative and Judicial branches of government are invited to attend to join us in prayer that the Holy Spirit of God will guide and direct them in their service to the people of Florida.

Attending this year from our parish were: Marvin Ropert from St. Vincent de Paul, and Patti Fisher, Joanne Pajak, Audrey Pereira and Helen Millard from our Council of Catholic Women





## Elementary Faith Formation

God's Mercy is life changing and enables us to bring change for the good of our families and the communities in which we live. Our Faith Formation children and parents experienced this effect on Feb 21<sup>st</sup> at our PB&J Family Service Event. In an hour, we made a record 217 PB&J sandwiches that don't need refrigeration for lunches and 50 more bags of donated personal toiletry items for the homeless. We used 24 loaves of bread, over 20 lbs. of peanut butter and 10 lbs. of preserves plus additional donations of boxed drinks, chips, cookies, and fruit for each bag. Special thanks to the CCW who primed the child labor with juice and incredible pastries! We are a small parish with very large hearts.

That afternoon, our High School Life Teen students, accompanied by their leaders and Carmelo Melitiche and Carlos Flores, who regularly feed the homeless, went downtown to several locations to distribute the food and toiletries.

Everywhere on the event photos are broad smiles by the children and parents. Such is the Holy Spirit's power to reward with grace and joy our efforts to love our neighbor as ourselves. Such is the life of a disciple of Christ, sharing God's Mercy.

For questions about Faith Formation, please contact Deacon Ben Hooks in the Church Office, [bhooks@stpatriicktampa.org](mailto:bhooks@stpatriicktampa.org), (813) 839-5337 ext. 206.



## High School Youth Ministry



Life Teen had it's official kick off at St. Patrick's on January 3rd, 2016. We have teens representing nine high schools in Tampa who come here to grow in their faith , so whatever school you go to, this is the place for you! **Life Teen meets every Sunday night beginning with 6pm Mass, followed by the Life Night.** The Sunday Life Night's have different themes and subjects every week, and you and your friends are always welcome!

We have gone on Medieval Quests, sang karaoke, discovered how to live a more courageous life in Christ, played games, fed the homeless, rallied for the unborn, and served at Metropolitan Ministries! All while making friends and having some great food. This is just the beginning!

Coming up in the next few months we will find out more about God's mercy and how we can share it with the world. We will also present the Living Stations of the Cross for the parish, attend the Steubenville Summer Youth Conference in Orlando, and more! Teens, it is never too late to come be a part of this!

If you would like to serve the youth as a Core Team Member, or if you are a parent who would like to help , I would love to hear from you. Please contact Monica Bonfe Erickson [merickson@stpatricktampa.org](mailto:merickson@stpatricktampa.org) or call 813-368-3866 for more information about Life Teen!

**Follow us on Instagram: @stpatricktpalifeteen,**  
**Twitter: @SP\_LIFETEEN\_TP, & Facebook: StPatricktpaLifeTeen**



## Middle School Youth Ministry



Our middle school youth in grades 6th - 8th have an opportunity to learn the Catholic faith in a fun and active way. They also tackle fresh catechetical themes which are delivered each semester with creative and experiential approach that engages youth to understand Catholic teaching and form their own Catholic identity.

EDGE Nights occur Friday Nights, twice a month during the school year. We also have fun activities and service opportunities that create a greater sense of community among our middle school youth. Typical activities during the year may include the March for Life in Washington D.C., Ablaze Conference at Ave Maria University, the Steubenville Conference in Orlando, and support at Metropolitan Ministries and Pinellas Hope. Additionally, the teens are the backbone of the week-long Vacation Bible School (VBS) program held in the third week of June each year. The program goal is to take the lessons from the classroom and put them into life to benefit others, a true response to Matthew 28.

Bring your friends to EDGE!  
For more information contact  
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(813) 839-5337



**Middle School Youth Ministry Retreat Day "EPIC" Saturday April 23<sup>rd</sup>**



## Fr. Stan Holland ~ Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

**“If I forget thee, Jerusalem, let my right hand wither. May my tongue cleave to my palate if I do not remember you, if I do not exalt Jerusalem beyond all my delights” (Psalm 137:5-6)**



Jerusalem



Qumran

A pilgrimage to Israel is a journey through the Holy Bible. Going to Israel is not a vacation. It is a walk through history from the Exodus through the Passion, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension of Jesus and through the birth of the Church in the Upper Room. On a pilgrimage to Israel one travels from the birthplace of Jesus in Nazareth up to his home synagogue in Capernaum. A boat trip across the Sea of Galilee from Tiberius to Capernaum makes the life of Jesus so very real and alive. The trip to the River Jordan, the Dead Sea, Qumran, and up to Jerusalem reveals more about the life and times of Jesus in the first century than simply reading the books of the Holy Bible and other books about Jesus. The entire Holy Bible comes alive before our very lives. A pilgrimage to the Holy Land will change one's life forever.



Rock of Agony



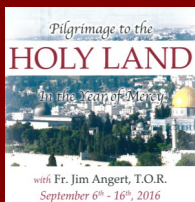
Calvary in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher

In Jerusalem one will pray at the ruins of the Western Wall of the second Temple built by Herod. A visit to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher inside which can be found both Calvary and the Tomb in which the dead body of Jesus was laid. One of the most emotionally moving sights is the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus often went to pray when in Jerusalem. Jesus was betrayed and arrested and abandoned by his closest friends. The place makes one ask Jesus if we were worth the pain, suffering, and torture. His answer is not at first obvious, but His answer is yes, we are all worth it.



Mount Tabor

Fr. Jim will lead a pilgrimage to Israel in September. Start saving your nickels and dimes and reserve your place on the tour. Contact the parish Office for more information on traveling to the Holy Land with Fr. Jim.



*Fr. Jim Angert warmly invites interested parishioners to join him as he leads a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land from September 6 to 16, 2016. This will be a wonderful opportunity to enable you to visit the sacred places we hear about in the Bible. Read about this exciting Pilgrimage on our website at or stop by the Parish office for a brochure.*