

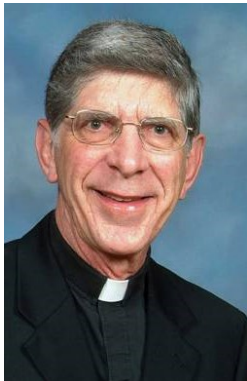
**St. Patrick**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

*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*

# Shamrock News



**Advent 2016 Edition**



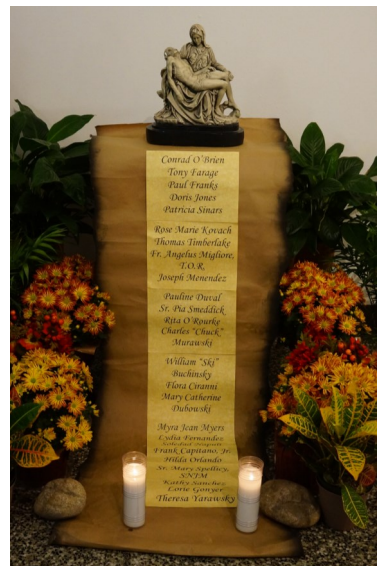
## Disciples Preparing for Christ

Thank you for all you do so that our Parish Family can continue to be a welcoming, warm, joyful and loving parish. In this issue of Shamrock News, we are able to share some of the ways that express how we are to "Love and Serve" one another and the needy in the Tampa area. We are all called to be "Missionary Disciples" as we share the Good News of the Gospel in the way we live and in all that we do. St. Paul states in 1 Corinthians 13:13 "So faith, hope and love remain, these three, but the greatest of these is love."

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

We all know that true love of God finds its expression in how we love and serve every person that we know and meet.

Here at St. Patrick's, there are 48 ministries which express the varied and many ways that we express our faith and so many life giving ways. Be inspired by these words of St. Paul in 1 Corinthians 12:4-7: "There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit." I rejoice that you are freely responding to the action of the Holy Spirit in your life and that you are using your gifts for the service of others so that their lives are enriched and validated because of your loving service as Missionary Disciples. In this issue, some of the forms of service include St. Vincent de Paul Society, The Giving Tree, The Shoe and Sock Drive and the Christmas Concert. Thank you for all you do as you enrich the lives of so many and as you so powerfully live your faith in Jesus by loving God and serving others.





Be Still  
and Know That I Am  
God

## 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.





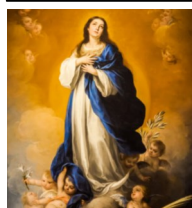
# LOVE & SERVE





## Advent Reflections

Fr. Stan Holland, T.O.R. will lead an Advent teaching every Tuesday of Advent, following the 8:30am morning Mass. The teaching will reflect on the coming Sunday's Readings during the Advent Season.



## Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Holy Day Mass Schedule

Wednesday, Dec. 7th, 5:30pm - Vigil

Thursday, Dec. 8th

8:30am, 12:00pm, 7:30pm



## Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Monday, December 12th

8:30am Morning Mass

7:00pm Evening Celebration in the Church



## Advent Penance Services

Saturday, Dec. 10th 10am St. Patrick

Monday, Dec. 12th 7pm Incarnation

Tuesday, Dec. 13th 7pm Christ the King

Wednesday, Dec. 14th 7pm St. Lawrence

Thursday, Dec. 15th 7pm St. Joseph

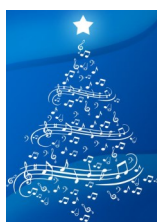


## Simbang Gabi

December 15, 2016

St. Patrick Catholic Church

Mass 7:00pm



## Music Ministry Christmas Concert

Saturday, December 17, 2016

7:30pm

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



## Christmas Mass Schedule

Feast of the Nativity of the Lord

Holy Day Mass Schedule

December 24th Vigil Masses

4:00pm, 6:00pm, 7:30pm, 11:00pm

December 25th Christmas Day

9:00am, 11:00am

The Parish Office will be closed 12/23 and 12/26



## Feast of Mary, Mother of God

Holy Day Mass Schedule

Saturday, Dec. 31st, 5:00pm - Vigil

Sunday, Jan. 1st 7:30, 9:00, 11:00am

The Parish Office will be closed 1/2/2017

## 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 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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## Advent Resources Online Prepare to Celebrate the Birth of Christ

### New Advent Resources on **FORMED.org** !

**FORMED.org** is a revolutionary online platform featuring the best Catholic videos, audio talks, eBooks and movies to deepen your relationships with Christ and His Church. All in one place. Every parishioner has 24/7 access to the best Catholic content on any device, including your computer, smartphone and tablet with internet access.



**OPENING THE WORD** is a program offering prayer and insights for the Sunday readings. It features a variety of video presentations, a personal prayer journal and a guide to make the most of the Sunday readings.

In the audio CD, **Prepare the way of the King**, Dr. Scott Hahn reveals what scholars now know about the shepherds, the mysterious Magi, and King Herod. Your Advent journey will take on new meaning as you prepare your heart for the birth of our Lord. This illuminating presentation is sure to help you grow in appreciation of the greatest gift ever given to mankind—Jesus Christ.



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