

SAINT PATRICK'S PARISH

Third Sunday of Lent

March 15, 2009

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WELCOME to anyone new to the parish community. Please take a moment to introduce yourself to the parish staff. Please complete a parish registration form, which can be found in the Gathering Area.

Those individuals who are homebound and wish to receive the Eucharist, please contact the Parish Office (337-1538).

Please contact the parish office for sacramental preparation requirements and schedules. Marriage preparation requires four months notice.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm

Sunday Morning 8:30 am

11:30 am

Sunday Evening 5:00 pm

Daily Mass Monday - Friday 5:30 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00 p.m. until all are heard or upon request

Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament

Monday 6:00-7:45 pm

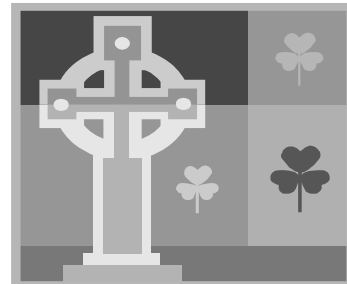
First Friday 6:00-7:45 pm

Nursery Schedule

Sunday Morning 11:30 am Mass

MISSION STATEMENT





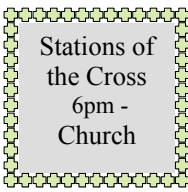

“Called by Christ to proclaim the Good News, the Catholic community of St. Patrick’s Parish seeks to nurture a prayerful community of believers while serving the needs of others, thereby witnessing to the reality of God’s saving love.”



Mass Intentions for this Week

March 14, 2009 - March 20, 2009

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Irene Carroll, R.O.S.
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Barbara Huck, R.O.S.
	11:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	5:00 p.m.	Dennis Riski, R.O.S.
Monday	5:30 p.m.	Fr. Scott Medlock, Birthday Intentions
Tuesday	5:30 p.m.	Dave Kling, R.O.S.
Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	Leona Pfisterer, R.O.S.
Thursday	5:30 p.m.	Shelly Matherne, Health
Friday	5:30 p.m.	Jeff Nicholson, Birthday Intentions

March 15 Sunday	March 16 Monday	March 17 Tuesday	March 18 Wednesday	March 19 Thursday	March 20 Friday	March 21 Saturday
Rosary 8am - Chapel Kairos AM 10am - Hall Breaking Open the Word 11:30am - Tara Praise Music Group 3pm - Church Kairos PM 6pm - Hall	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 4pm—Youth Hse. Daily Mass 5:30pm – Chapel Eucharistic Adoration 6pm - Chapel  Carmelite Meeting 6pm - JP11 SitRm CHAOS Practice 7pm - Hall Sunday Scripture Reflection Group 7pm - JP11 LvRm	St. Patrick's Day  CSSI 10am - Chapel Daily Mass 5:30pm – Chapel Praise Music Group 7pm - Church RCIA 7pm - JP11 LvRm CSSI 7pm - Chapel CHAOS Practice 7pm - Hall Legion of Mary 7pm-JP11 Chapel	Mom's CC Group 11:30am - Nursery Daily Mass 5:30pm Knights of Columbus & Auxiliary 7pm - Cenacle Servants of the Gospel 7pm - JP11 Dn.Rm. CHAOS Practice 7:00pm - Hall 	Adult Faith Study Group 10am - JP11 DnRm. Seniors' Group Lunch & Meeting 12noon - Hall Daily Mass/5:30pm Baptism Class 7pm - Tara St. Patrick's Day Kid's Show 7pm - Hall  Traditional Choir Practice 7pm - Church Church Teaching & Doctrine Review 7pm - JP11 LvRm Easter Vigil Choir Practice 7:45pm - Church	Daily Mass 5:30pm - Chapel  Stations of the Cross 6pm - Church St. Patrick's Day Dinner, Dance and Show 6:30pm - Hall 	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 8:30am - Youth House Contemporary Choir Practice 3:45 pm - Church Confessions 4pm - Church Rosary 4:30pm - Chapel A.A. 8pm -Tara

PARISH NEWS**ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES**

- **Adult *Kairos* Lecture** - Our Lenten series on "Caring for Ourselves and Others in the Face of Suffering" continues this Sunday with the topic "Taking Care of Those Who are Suffering from Serious Illness". Please join us for the lecture at 10am or 6:30pm in the church.
- **Adult Faith Study Group** - Thursdays at 10am in the JP II House.
- **Catholic Scripture Study** - Tuesdays at 10am and 7pm, this week in the Chapel.
- **RCIA** - Rite of Christian Initiation - Tuesdays at 7pm in the JP II House.
- **Reflection and Faith Sharing Opportunity** - Monday evenings at 7PM in the John Paul II house during Lent.

"Caring for Ourselves and Others in the Face of Suffering" is the Adult *Kairos* Lecture Series for Lent:

- March 15 - "Taking Care of Those Who are Suffering from Serious Illness"
- March 22 - "Taking Care of Those Who are Dying"
- March 29 - Gift of Peace - Personal Reflections by Cardinal Bernardin. (You can purchase this book for \$10. Please see Cathie Schumacher for a copy of this book.)

We hope many of you will join us for these topics. Invite a friend to join you for these lectures on Sunday morning at 10am and Sunday evening at 6:30pm in the church.

Saturday Evening Rosary & Sunday Morning Rosary:

The K of C Women's Auxiliary invites you to pray the Rosary on Saturday at 4:30pm or Sunday morning at 8:00am in the chapel. We hope many of you will join us.

Adult Faith Study Group: This long standing St. Patrick's group meets every Thursday morning at 10am in the JP II House. Come and join us to read and discuss the upcoming Sunday readings for a deeper understanding and as preparation for better participation in the liturgy.

Church Teaching & Doctrine Review: Continuing on Thursdays at 7pm in the JP II House, Deacon Felix Maguire will be presenting a series of classes to review Church teachings and doctrine. The next sessions are: March 19 - Morality/Sin/Reconciliation; March 26 - The Mass; and April 2 - Church Year/Easter.

Mass of Anointing: The next Mass with Anointing of the Sick is scheduled for Saturday, March 28 at the 5p.m. Mass. If you know someone who is suffering from illness and needs God's healing touch, please bring them with you to this Mass.

Men's Small Group: Do you have a desire to meet with other men to pray, study and fellowship? Our meeting place will be the Fireweed Room located near the Providence Hospital Cafeteria. For additional information and questions please contact Steve Olmstead at the Parish Office - 337-1538.

Music Ministry News

MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS: There are many exciting opportunities for those who want to be a part of the Music Ministry. Please talk to any choir director or email Margaret Simmons, Music Coordinator, at queenowrites@gci.net. Information about the Easter Choirs is available on the St. Patrick's web page and copies of the Easter schedule are on the piano. We always have time for fellowship with those who share our love of music and want to help create an atmosphere of prayer for the congregation. Now is the time to join us, now is the time to share your love, now is the time for God.

Activities this week:Praise Group Rehearsal

Tuesday, March 17, 7:30 PM in the Church

No Bell Choir Rehearsal this weekTraditional Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 19, 7:00-7:45 PM in the Church

Easter Vigil Rehearsal

Thursday, March 19, 7:45-8:45 PM in the Church

Important Liturgical Note: As we journey with all those involved in RCIA, we will be reading the A Cycle Readings at our Sunday liturgies this Sunday and for the Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent.

PARISH NURSES: Come visit our table for information on the following topics:

- National Diabetes Month
- National Nutrition Month
- Blood Pressure

If you are able to help sit at our table, or are a nurse willing to help take blood pressures once a month, please let us know by contacting Terri Bancroft at 276-5438.

Reflection and Faith Sharing Opportunity: One of many ways for us Catholics to enrich ourselves spiritually during these weeks of Lent is to take time ahead of each Sunday to read and reflect on the Sunday Mass readings. Parishioner Al Levitre has offered to facilitate weekly opportunities for parishioners to meet at the John Paul II house on Monday evenings during Lent at 7PM. Participants at these weekly Lenten "Breaking Open God's Word" sessions will together read the upcoming Sunday's Mass readings, reflect on them privately, and reconvene as a group to share their reflections. Although parishioners can easily reflect on Scripture privately in their own homes, doing this in community with others allows for the added dynamic of faith sharing, which benefits all present. No sign-up necessary; come when you can!

2009 St. Patrick's Lenten Parish Mission, March 23-25th:

"God's Limitless Love"

Reflections on the Prodigal Son, Luke 15:11-31

Monday — Younger Son

Tuesday — Older Son and Lenten Reconciliation Service

Wednesday — The Father

St. Patrick's Seniors': Seniors are invited to join other seniors in a variety of activities including lunch, crafts, outreach, bingo, social and informational programs. We meet on the first and third Thursdays of each month at noon in the St. Patrick's Parish Hall. First Thursday is soup and sandwich, we provide the soup, bring your own sandwich. Third Thursday is a potluck. This is our fourth year and we welcome new members. For information or transportation, call Sally at Parish Office at 337-1538.

Service Special Collection: Last weekend's Service Special collection for the benefit of Peter's Pence, Catholic Relief Services, the Church in Africa and the Church in Latin America totaled \$4,062.75. If you missed last weekend's collection please place your donation in the regular collection this weekend and mark it "Service Collection". Thanks very much.

Hearing Assist Devices Available - please see Father, Deacon Felix or a Sacristan if you need these aids for hearing during Mass.

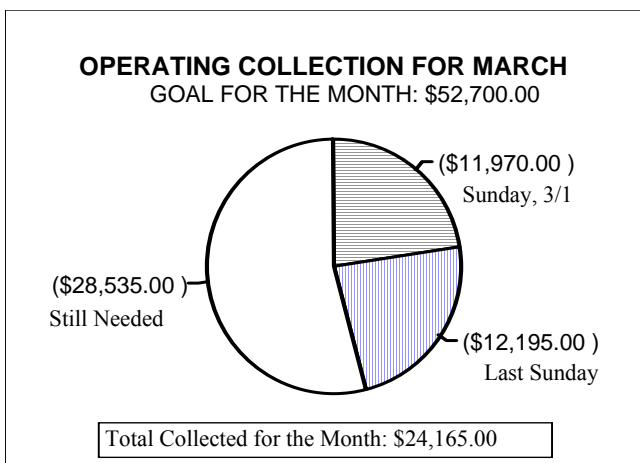
St. Patrick's Day Show: Join us this week to celebrate St. Patrick's Day! We will present a **Family Show** this Thursday, March 19, at 7pm in the parish hall. (Please make a donation at the door.) The big **Dinner, Show and Dance** will be this Friday, March 20, with dinner beginning in the hall at 6:30pm. Tickets are \$20 per person and are available in the parish office. Please join us for this annual parish celebration!

H.U.G.S.S. (Helping Us Give School Supplies) & Coats: Spring is nearly here and we are looking forward to HUGSS (Helping Us Give School Supplies) and Coats for Kids 2009. Your support of this project last year meant that 4,607 kids from low-income families were better prepared for school. We need donated coats; warm coats of all sizes are needed to help meet the demand in August. New or gently used coats with working zippers are being accepted at Fireweed Cleaners at 500 E. Fireweed Lane. Watch the bulletin for the dates coats can be placed in the H.U.G.S.S. box in the Gathering Area for distribution.

Habitat for Humanity Bingo Buffet: Please join us for a Cajun dinner, entertainment by the Chugach Mountain Range Cloggers, bingo, silent auction and drawing prizes in the St. Patrick Parish Hall on Friday evening, April 24. Our parish committee will be selling tickets (\$20 per person) in the gathering area after Masses March 21-22 and March 28-29. Plan to attend this fun evening! For more information please contact Tom Morahan at 743-0708 or geowiz@aol.com.

Operation Rice Bowl: As we continue our Operation Rice Bowl journey let us remember in **prayer** that all humanity has been made in the image of God. Through our actions we must express that each person is precious and that the lives and welfare of all people are priorities. May our **fasting** keep us mindful of the hunger of the people of the world. May our **almsgiving** assist Catholic Relief Services as we learn about programs that care for Orphans and Vulnerable Children in Tanzania. Please pick up your Rice Bowl and calendar at the table in the Gathering Area after Mass today.

Easter Lily Remembrance: For a donation of \$15 you may sponsor an Easter lily that will be placed in honor of your loved one in our church for Easter and the Easter Season. The name of your loved one will be displayed on a card attached to the floral container. Easter Lily donation envelopes are available in the gathering area this weekend. Place the envelope with your donation in the regular collection at Mass. Please turn in your completed envelope and donation before March 31st.



ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

Archdiocesan Web Site is: www.archdioceseofanchorage.org

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Holy Family Cathedral

every Friday from 10 a.m. -12 Noon

Blessed Sacrament Monastery

Weekdays - 7 a.m. - 9 p.m., Monday thru Friday

First Friday: 8 a.m.— ending with Mass at 8 a.m. Saturday

Saturday & Sunday - 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

St. Patrick's Parish

Every Monday 6:00-7:45 p.m., First Friday 6:00-7:45 p.m.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish

every Friday from 7 p.m.—8 p.m.

St. Andrew Parish, Eagle River

48 hour Devotion , every Friday, 10 a.m. thru Sunday 8a.m.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Perpetual Adoration - Pope John Paul II Adoration Chapel

Sacred Heart Parish, Wasilla

First Saturday, begins with Mass at 10 a.m.

followed by Adoration until 4 p.m.

HOLY SPIRIT CENTER

(For information on the following retreats or call (907) 346-2343)

Online registration at: www.holyspiritcenterak.org

May 6-9:North American Forum "Beginnings Plus" Training for RCIA & Liturgical Ministers (with focus on adults and children): This course will be offered at Holy Spirit Center. Please call Cindy Lentine at 297-7711 for more information and to register.

March 15: Mayoral Candidates Forum hosted by AFACT, Sunday, March 15 from 2:00-3:30 pm at Central Lutheran Church, 1420 Cordova.

March 18: The Adrian Dominican Sisters invite you to join us in our home at 7:00 pm on the third Wednesday of each month for prayer and conversation. For directions and further information, please contact us at 770-7675. The next gathering is this Wednesday, March 18.

March 19: THEOLOGY & BREW presents " Care and Treatment Decisions for Compromised Patients or Patients at the End of Life" by Rev. Tadeusz Pacholczyk, Ph.D. Snow Goose - 7pm

March 20: The Cyrene Group, offering support for widowed persons will gather here at St. Patrick's Parish, 2111 to join in the celebration of the St. Patrick's Day Feast this Friday, March 20 at 6:30pm for dinner and show. For more information and tickets please contact Joan at 333-7826.

March 28: Outdoor Stations of the Cross for Lent - followed by hot cocoa and Taize Prayer by candlelit (organized by St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School 5th Grade Girl Scout Troop) Saturday, 8:30 pm - Holy Spirit Center.

March 28: CONSECRATION TO OUR LADY - St. Benedict's Church, March 28, Saturday, 12 noon - The Legion of Mary invites everyone to the annual Consecration to Our Lady, the "Acies". Fr. Francis Li, O.P. will officiate.

The Third Sunday of Lent

The woman in today's Gospel listened to the voice of Jesus. When we listen for His voice, we too will discover Jesus in our midst.

Readings For The Week

Sunday, March 15, 2009

Third Sunday Of Lent

Exodus 17:3-7

Psalms 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

John 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Monday, March 16, 2009

2 Kings 5:1-15ab

Psalms 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4

Luke 4:24-30

Tuesday, March 17, 2009

St. Patrick

Daniel 3:25, 34-43

Psalms 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9

Matthew 18:21-35

Wednesday, March 18, 2009

St. Cyril of Jerusalem

Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9

Psalms 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20

Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday, March 19, 2009

Solemnity of St. Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16

Psalms 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29

Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22

Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Friday, March 20, 2009

Hosea 14:2-10

Psalms 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 144 and 17

Mark 12:28-34

Saturday, March 21, 2009

Hosea 6:1-6

Psalms 51:3-4, 18-21b

Luke 18:9-14

Sunday, March 22, 2009

Fourth Sunday Of Lent

1 Samuel 16: 1b, 6-7, 10-13a

Psalms 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

Romans 5: 8-14

John 9: 1-41

Kairos Youth Group News

Kairos Class Schedule AM & PM for March:

Classes will be on March 15, 22, 29.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR HIGH SCHOOL TEENS

Resurrection Pass: We will hike the Resurrection Trail June 17 - 19. Mark your calendar and look for registration with more information to come.



A.C.Y.C.: Alaska Catholic Youth Conference will be June 1st. Thru 4th at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. Registration forms are available! You won't want to miss this conference for High School Youth or anyone who would like to hear outstanding speakers and participate in workshops! It is a great way to begin your summer. Contact Jon Hunt at 337-1538 for additional information.

Vacation Bible School: This year VBS will take place July 27th - 31st, from 8:30 - Noon.

Happy Birthday!

Sunday, March 15

Adam Schnellbaeher

Brenden Kiana

Victoria Labahn

Monday, March 16

Ellen Rumley

Antonia Jin Won Yu

Tuesday, March 17

Reagan Cox

Michal Treder

Kathryn Treder

Wednesday, March 18

Eliezer Feliciano

Thursday, March 19

Orion Roach

Brandon Sheltra

Friday, March 20

Anna Ellingboe

Maggie Thompson-Johnston

Knitting Instruction

Are you interested in learning to knit? Beginning Wednesday, March 11th from 3pm through 5pm there will be a Beginning through Advanced knitting class. For more information please call Inge in the Parish Office at 337-1538.

St. Patrick, Pray for Us



Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me.
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

I bind unto myself the Name,
The strong Name of the Trinity,
By invocation of the same,
The Three in One and One in Three.
By Whom all nature hath creation,
Eternal Father, Spirit, Word:
Praise to the Lord of my salvation,
Salvation is of Christ the Lord.

