

St. Patrick Catholic Church Annual Report to Parishioners 2019-2020



MY SISTERS AND BROTHERS IN CHRIST,

I pray this Annual Report finds you healthy, safe and secure in these unprecedented times. What a year it has been dealing with a pandemic. And now we hear unsettling news about the future of St. Patrick. Despite these unique and historic challenges, we are encouraged by our Creator to grow closer to each other and to Jesus. And this is exactly what we have done in the past year despite the many obstacles in our path.

This communication is to share with you details about the financial, sacramental and parish life health of St. Patrick Catholic Church. There is much good news to report here.

First, we have worked hard to bring our financial house in order. I would like to thank the Finance Council for its guidance and encouragement as we met these challenges together:

- We applied for and received a payroll protection loan for the parish to mitigate the downturn in giving from the suspension of in person masses allowing us to end the year in the black
- We reduced office hours prior to COVID-19 to lessen the cost of utilities at the pastoral center
- We are currently in negotiations to craft a new lease with Roanoke Park Counseling to help break even on expenses for their space
- We are in discussions with several outside parties interested in using our space and parking lot on a regular basis (details to be shared at the Synod)

As you will see documented in this report, St. Patrick experienced a strong showing in the area of sacraments (confirmations, baptisms, marriages, etc.) in the past year. In addition, we met the challenges of COVID-19 and its impact on our community by immediately embracing a virtual platform for our weekly Sunday Mass (Facebook LIVE and YouTube) and for faith formation and fellowship (Zoom). We tackled important topics such as racial injustice and built bridges with our LGBTQ community as we grew a deeper understanding of our faith and how it calls us to promote justice and peace. Compared to other Catholic churches in the Archdiocese, we are well ahead of the curve in keeping our faith community strong. I would like to personally thank Pastoral Associate Deanna Tighe for all her hard work keeping us together and helping us grow in our faith. I also would like to thank JoAn Choi and Lisa Dennison for organizing home delivery of Eucharist to parishioners unable to attend mass.

Our mission remains unchanged: ***“We, the people of God at St. Patrick Catholic Church, are a welcoming Christ-centered community committed to keeping alive the vision and hope of Vatican II. Our Sunday liturgy, enhanced by the creative arts, strengthens***

us for the work of peace and justice in the world and challenges us to live in communion with one another and all of creation.”

As we together face our future, we will rely on the power of the Holy Spirit to guide and shape us as we become a model Pope Francis parish community.

Thank you for your continuing passion for our beautiful faith community.

Peace...



Deacon Dennis Kelly
Pastoral Coordinator



PARISH LEADERSHIP

Deacon Dennis Kelly
PASTORAL COORDINATOR

Father Bryan Hersey
PARISH PRIEST

Susan Saini
BOOKKEEPER

Laura Ash
MUSIC MINISTER
OFFICE ADMIN

Mickey Dunn
YOUTH MINISTER

Mike Wagner
FACILITIES MANAGER

Gherry Bender
FINANCE COUNCIL CHAIR

Eileen Murphy
LITURGY COMMISSION
CHAIR

Byrony Treser
PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIR

Jeff Coles
FACILITIES COMMITTEE
CHAIR

PARISH STEWARDSHIP AND STATISTICS

	2020	2019	Change
Registered Households	217	254	↓ 37
Stewardship Households	146	224	↓ 78
Online Contributors	104	33	↑ 71
Stewardship Pledged	\$290,116	\$288,283	↑ \$1,833
Stewardship Received	\$252,243	\$330,041	↓ \$77,798
\$ Change	↓ \$37,873	↑ \$41,758	↓ \$79,631
% Change	↓ 13	↑ 14	↓ 27

Sacraments	
Baptisms	3
First Eucharist	5
Confirmations	16
Marriages	1
Funerals	4

MUSIC MINISTRY

Laura Ash

The 2019-2020 year has been one of profound change for the music ministry. Last Fall began with the choir singing at the Cornerstone Catholic Conference. In November we joined other choirs in the Archdiocese for the *St. Cecilia Sings* event.

And then the news came in March that we could no longer sing live until there is a vaccine! As we grappled with this loss, creativity was found nonetheless. With the help of Betsey Beckman, Sharie Bowman, Ben Ash and Gabe del Rosario, we have created three virtual videos. To stay connected, the choir meets weekly on Zoom and occasionally prepares for a video production.

DEAF COMMUNITY

John Dunn

Saint Patrick Church has been involved in the ministry to the Deaf/Blind community since the early 1980's when Sister Judith Desmarais was the leader of the ministry for the diocese. When Sister Judith left that job, it moved very briefly to Saint Margaret Church on Queen Anne. Since many members of the Deaf Community lived on or near Capitol Hill, getting to West Queen Anne by bus was a complicated trip.

A Deaf family came to Saint Pat's and asked the parish council to start providing interpreted masses and meetings. Despite knowing that this could be an expensive mission, the council approved the request and the ministry as it is now was formally established. The fact that Saint Patrick Church was located near the interpreting program at Seattle Central Community College was helpful in finding interested interpreters to join the Saint Patrick Deaf ministry. Over the years, the hearing members of the Saint Pat's community have become involved in using ASL when saying responses during mass and it has been incorporated into the movement ministry as well.

In recent months Covid-19 has considerably changed the Deaf Ministry. We have been able to incorporate interpreting into the virtual Facebook mass. At least once, a Deaf member of the parish was able to be present for in-person attendance at church. The group most negatively affected by the Covid-19 restrictions has been the Deaf/Blind members of the parish. Because of the rule that attendees may not touch each other, it has made providing interpreting for these members almost impossible. Touching is the only way Deaf/Blind people can communicate. We are still trying to find a way to solve this problem.



FAITH FORMATION

Deanna Tighe

It has been a great year for Faith Formation for St. Patrick's Church. In the Fall of 2019, the year started out with much eagerness and anticipation. We had a couple of children participating in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, a Montessori based faith formation program for 2-6 year olds. Children of different ages participated in weekly Faith Formation classes as well as Youth Group. When Church and Faith Formation classes were suspended due to Covid-19, some of our wonderful teachers were able to pivot and use their skills and enthusiasm to utilize Zoom to engage the children and youth.

Under the direction and leadership of Mickey Dunn, 16 young parishioners of St. Pats participated in the Confirmation process, meeting weekly with each other for learning, prayer and fun, and received the Sacrament of Confirmation at the end of February 2020. This year the age of Confirmation was lowered to 13, which allowed a large number of our young parishioners to receive the sacrament.

Five children received the Sacrament of 1st Communion in September, 4 months late due to Covid-19. Kim Stege and Jenny Farrell took on the ministry of leading the 1st Eucharist classes, instructing the children in the teaching and joy of the Sacrament. While the celebration of 1st Communion this year did not look like a "normal" 1st Communion celebration, almost 50 family and friends gathered together to join the children in their celebration, which included signing, dance, and many smiles and laughs.

We also joyfully celebrated Linda Luke fully joining our parish through the RCIA process. Linda spent 11 months preparing with weekly classes and finally received the Sacraments of Baptism, 1st Communion, and Confirmation in early August. She looks forward to fully entering into the life of St. Pats as things return to normal.



CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Robin Rowedder

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd faith formation for ages 3 to 6 had two families participating 2019-20. This is a hands-on program for children to connect with Jesus and our faith.

Materials demonstrate the parables (mustard seed, leaven, pearl etc.) and episodes in Jesus's life.

We plan to meet soon with Deanna Tighe to assess how to provide families with support for their children's faith formation during Covid-19.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Mickey Dunn

This year was marked with formation, community, sacraments and creativity. Youth Formation continued to allow youth parishioners to reflect on the Sunday readings in a way that authentically connects to their lives.

Youth took part in events like the Sister Parish Walk-a-Long, Advent Festival, a trip to the Family Fun Center and a Christmas Party. Youth prepared for Confirmation through formation gatherings, a retreat and a service day at the Josephinum. We celebrated 16 newly confirmed parishioners.

In March, the youth ministry program completed the year meeting weekly on Zoom to continue the formation and fellowship.

FIRST EUCHARIST PREPARATION

Jenny Farrell and Kim Stege

Five children journeyed through preparation for first reconciliation and first Eucharist from January through September. We would meet in the classroom and open in prayer, learn the lesson of the day, and build community during our time together. This was really important because when coronavirus hit, the children could not participate or complete their lessons in person. We began to meet on Zoom to continue our classes because we really hoped that we would be able to have in-person First Eucharist in June, but that did not happen. We took a break over the summer and came back in September to meet online for our final preparations. The children helped to write the prayers of the faithful over Zoom and had a retreat at St. Patrick the day before First Eucharist where everyone was planning to bring a blanket, a camp chair, their lunch, and their beautiful smiles to sit outside on a gorgeous sunny day! The problem was, we ran into more challenges with the superplume of wildfire smoke and could not meet outside. We decided to meet in Paddy's place and each child had their own table to ensure six-foot distancing while we did our final preparations for First Reconciliation. In yet ANOTHER challenge, Fr. Bryan could not listen to confessions as his car got broken into and his battery was stolen! The children all learned what the word "dispensation" meant as there was no time for them to receive First Reconciliation in this unique and unfortunate series of events. We finished our preparations in the Church learning how to receive their First Communion. Betsey Beckman led rehearsal for the Psalm and the preparation of the gifts and Laura Ash gave of her time to introduce the children to the music. All five children and their families gathered on Sunday, September 13th for First Communion on a very smoky day. Each child received a mask made by Kathy Shea and participated as best they could during this pandemic. The noon Mass allowed for family and friends of each child to attend this special Sacrament. As per usual, it was a fantastic and meaningful Mass that these children and their families will not forget.



SISTER PARISH WORKGROUP

Maureen Little

The Sister Parish Work Group (a group within the Social Justice Committee) held its annual Walk-A-Long solidarity fundraiser in the fall of 2019 to support ongoing projects in our sister parish of Nueva Trinidad, El Salvador. In July, women of the parish gathered virtually for Women's Night "In" which is another social event fundraiser.

Our financial efforts support two major initiatives: social programs and food distribution to elderly members of the community, and internet access and computer supplies and support for the community center. For 2020-21, we plan on continuing to support these programs through the annual Walk-A-Long and other social-community building fundraisers.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Byrony Treser

The pastoral council is a consultative leadership group that works with the pastoral leader in service of the parish community.

The focus of 2019 was assisting with the leadership transition and gathering feedback on ways to facilitate salient spiritual and social growth opportunities for the community.

During 2020-2021, the pastoral council will be addressing issues regarding usage of the properties, celebration and inclusion of all our members, and sustainability challenges.

NOEL HOUSE MINISTRY

Bill McMurray

Our ministry provides dinner for more than 30 women each 2nd Saturday of each month of 2019 through the present. A group of at least three parishioners prepared the meals at St. Pat's kitchen before the meal was transported and served to the women downtown.

Beginning in June, due to Covid-19 a decision was made to continue the ministry, but with a different approach. Instead of collaborating to produce and serve the meal, prepared food has been purchased and delivered to the Noel House. Serving the food is no longer done. This model will continue until the Covid-19 situation abates.

GROWTH AND SUSTAINABILITY TASK FORCE

John Hale

Goal: To support parish leadership with initiatives to grow and sustain our thriving community.

Achievements: 1. Organized parish Auction for financial benefit of our Youth Ministry and Special Needs programs; 2. Promoted Holiday Masses through ads in Seattle Gay News; 3. Initiated Seattle Prep's discernment of leasing our underutilized facilities; 4. Supported LGBTQ and Friends series of book-study workshops; 5. Placed ads and feature stories in neighborhood newspapers for parish visibility; 6. Will participate in leading the Parish Mission Discernment Process in November 2020; and 7. Preparing for new initiatives regarding internal communications, and neighborhood food insecurity.



SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY

Chris Covert-Bowlds

Ongoing activities include the following: monthly letter writing in person after Mass, and online since, and actions about many justice topics, including: nuclear weapons abolition/peace, homelessness, immigration, economic, racial/Black Lives Matter, criminal justice reform, environmental, Salvadoran and farmworker solidarity, School of Americas Watch, and others. Several families have hosted Central American refugees in their homes, and families and individuals continue providing support and assistance.

Paul Sampson has led many online Wednesday movie nights that have been well attended and appreciated. Care for Creation committee has grown out of social justice and is led by Kathy Wilmering, who has also researched parish opportunities to help homeless people. These include safe parking for people sleeping in their vehicles, overnight indoor shelter, etc.

We coordinated members joining Catholic Advocacy Day in Olympia, a group who attended racial justice prayer vigil at Immaculate Conception, with ongoing follow-up by Lisa Dennison.

We do ongoing announcements after Mass when in person, and since COVID pandemic, many Facebook and neighborhood e-mail messages regarding opportunities for parishioners to take action on social justice. Kate Speltz and John Lomba publish periodic "Roots of Justice" newsletter.

We continue networking with St James, St Joseph, Immaculate Conception, regarding immigrant and racial justice, care for creation. Jim Thomas served as co-chair for the community, now has stepped back to devote his full-time to his book writing about Hanford. We are looking for a new chair or co-chairs for this committee.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Dick Tosdale and John Baisch

Over the past year we've helped 36 people with rent, gift cards, bus passes, clothing, utility payments and furniture. We've even helped with a tent and sleeping bags. The average amount was \$300. There was one family of 4 that was a priority for St. Pat's. We used \$6,700 to cover their rent and utilities for 6 months. We were able to respond normally to requests till the pandemic came. Our response to requests since March has been more conservative because of the rent moratorium. We don't know what will happen when the moratorium ends.

WOMEN'S PREACHING TEAM

Lisa Dennison

The Women's Preaching Team was created in 1999 in response to the parish wide desire to continue the tradition of having lay women offer reflections at St. Patrick for over a decade before its inception.

Now in its 21st year, the Team has provided over a hundred reflections from lay people (mostly women) in the parish community, offering a variety of voices and perspectives in breaking open the Word.

LITURGY COMMITTEE

Eileen Murphy

Liturgy Planning has faced unprecedented challenges as Covid-19 drastically alters the way we celebrate liturgy.

We now meet via Zoom to plan and develop liturgies that are inclusive of our diverse congregation and the multifaceted complications of celebrating Mass both live in the church and streaming via Facebook to our online congregants.

For "extraordinary" liturgies, our task is further complicated by the complexity of sharing one Priest-celebrant with Christ our Hope. Within the norms of the mass, our collaborative team continues to spend many hours creating artistic and meaningful worship for both the physical church community and the online worshipping community.

FACILITIES

Mike Wagner

Covid-19 has significantly constrained your Facilities Committee/Saturday Posse efforts this year, but nevertheless we managed several major projects in addition to our routine preventative maintenance and grounds keeping work:

- ◆ Our Labyrinth is now complete with curb
- ◆ Covid19 safety preparations are complete
- ◆ Our Wi-Fi system is now upgraded in the church nave and sanctuary
- ◆ A failed exterior brick wall at the parish office is repaired
- ◆ "RainWise" cisterns now drain the parish office roofs
- ◆ A safety fence along parish office alley and retaining walls is in progress
- ◆ With special thanks to Evie and Don Jenner, we have many new landscaping plants
- ◆ Installed a new floor in the parish office



ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORTS

Statement of Activities			
Parish Operations / Programs	Last Year Budget		New Year Budget
	Fiscal Year Ending	Actual	Fiscal Year Ending
Income	June 2020		June 2021
Ordinary Income	\$320,000	\$324,252	\$320,500
Other Income	76,368	218,742*	76,348
Total Income	\$396,368	\$542,994	\$396,848
Expenses			
Wages & Benefits	\$253,807	\$258,607	\$234,127
Supplies	10,300	7,844	6,800
Programs	32,082	28,678	13,475
Operations & Maintenance	18,370	25,844	32,200
Contracted Services	23,040	23,567	24,948
Business Expense	33,900	24,584	32,900
Utilities	28,992	24,127	23,340
Hospitality & Celebrations	4,750	1,332	2,000
Assessments	31,838	33,327	40,889
Total Expenses	\$437,079	\$427,910	\$410,679
Net Surplus (Deficit)	<u>\$(40,711)</u>	<u>\$115,084</u>	<u>\$(13,831)</u>

***Source of Other Income above**

Fundraising	34,226
Donations and Gifts	106,317
Rental & Lease Income	32,321
PPP Proceeds	30,900
All Other Income	14,978

Statement of Financial Position	
Assets	
Cash on Hand	\$ 208,382
Reserve Savings	\$ 376,792
Receivables	\$ (262)
Fixed Assets	\$ 2,012,428
Total Assets	\$ 2,597,340
Liabilities	
Short-term Payables	\$ 39,566
Parish Custodials	\$ 29,085
Restricted Revenues	\$ (5,884)
Total Liabilities	\$ 62,767
Fund Balance	\$ 2,534,573
TOTAL	\$ 2,597,340

SPECIAL AND RESTRICTED COLLECTIONS

Special Collections	YTD Actuals	YTD Actuals	Restricted Collections	YTD Actuals	YTD Actuals
	Fiscal Year Ending	Fiscal Year Ending		Fiscal Year Ending	Fiscal Year Ending
	June 2020	June 2021		June 2020	June 2021
Mission Sunday	\$885	\$ 2,298	Parish Discretionary Spending	\$3,129	\$2,583
Rice Bowl	-	1,182	Noel House	1,178	1,765
Catholic Relief Services	-	3,723	Sister Parish	2,794	4,512
Peter's Pence	740	340	<u>Legal Assistance</u>	<u>5,615</u>	<u>6,855</u>
Catholic Home Missions	2	75	Total Restricted Collections	\$12,716	\$15,715
Priest's Pension	88	145			
Catholic Community Services	-	569			
NW Catholic	130	223			
Total Special Collections	\$5,425	\$9,800			