



St. Patrick Roman Catholic Parish

St. Patrick Church • St. Michael Mission

NEWSLETTER

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Have you visited our parish website www.stpatsbisbee.com? If you are a regular website user, you know how much information is there. If you haven't been to the website yet, you'll be pleasantly surprised at what you find. Check it out today.....and every day! New on the website is a listing of scheduled parish funerals. This information is provided with permission of the family and after arrangements are made at the parish office; it helps the family provide timely information when newspaper deadlines can't be met. Try starting your morning, or finishing up your day, with a short Daily Reading & Prayer and the Pope Francis Reflections. Learn something new every day!

 Be sure to watch our Facebook page www.facebook.com/stpatrickbisbee to keep up with what's happening.

ST. PATRICK CHURCH CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

The Centennial Steering Committee members Bill & Cathy Acuna, Shirley Mac, Kit Hutchinson, Ruth Dugie, Fr. Joe Saba, and Dcn. Tony Underwood are busy laying the groundwork for the 10/1/16 - 10/1/17 Centennial Year celebration. The Centennial logo contest has just drawn to a close, and we look forward to announcing a winner on April 17. Watch the website for the news.

In the coming months, look for the beginning of several beautification projects to spruce up our grounds. As these and other projects get underway, watch for news & pictures on our parish website Centennial page.

The church stained glass windows are a major part of our church history, and a booklet is planned about the windows' history and scriptural references. A visit to the Emil Frei studio in St. Louis will be made in April. Do you have family members who purchased one of the windows in 1915 when the church was built? If so, we'd like to know a little bit about the person or family whose name is engraved on the window.

Do you have family members who helped build St. Patrick Church? We'd like to know about them, and we're most anxious to find pictures taken at the time the church was built.

Also planned is a 100th Anniversary book about the history of St. Patrick Church and the Catholic Community of the Bisbee area -- Sacred Heart Church, the Tintown and Don Luis Missions, St. Michael Mission, St. Patrick School (Loretto Academy), the old rectory, the original St. Patrick, Sacred Heart & St. Michael buildings. Displays of photos will also be prepared, according to the photos we receive.

This is an appeal to our church family and anyone in the area for photos that will help us tell our story. Please check to see if your family has old photos of the churches, family celebrations, weddings, baptisms, confirmations, or the like, or church events that they are willing to share. Photos will be returned to the owners as soon as digital copies are made. Those sharing photos will be asked to sign a permission slip, allowing their photos to be used in publications, displays, or other photo projects. If you have questions or photos to share, you may call Kit Hutchinson at (520) 432-7196 or aandkit3@gmail.com

Many years.....many memories.....When we reminisce with our families and friends, we have many "Remember when....." conversations. Please share some of those memories with us--- write them down or call us and tell us. Your photos and memories will make our anniversary book so much more interesting. If you have questions, or wish to help with and of the Centennial Year projects or activities, please contact Ruth Dugie at (520) 432-3523 or rdugie@cableone.net.

PARISH FALL FESTIVAL OCTOBER 9-10-11

The annual parish Fall Festival is set for October 9-11, 2015, and the Festival committee is already working. Booth chairmen are being lined up now, so if you or someone you know would like to help with a booth, this is the time to step forward. To help with Festival expenses, there will be a pancake breakfast on Sunday, April 19, and a salad luncheon on Friday, June 5. Watch for details. There will also be a basket of goodies raffled for Mother's Day.

FRIENDS OF ST. PATRICK PARISH

Our list of "Friends of St. Patrick Parish" continues to grow, and we are happy to share information about our parish with these interested folks. If you know of someone who would like to receive our parish newsletters and other information, particularly the upcoming Centennial Year, they may sign up on the parish website, using the "Friends of St. Patrick Parish" link. Or you may sign up family and friends. Being a "Friend of St. Patrick Parish" does not obligate a person to become a parishioner.

ST. PATRICK WOMEN'S CLUB

St. Patrick Women's Club continues to be a busy, thriving organization, fulfilling its mission of supporting the parish and parish activities. On March 14 the Club hosted a pot luck dinner & dance as the parish St. Patrick Day celebration. The Club hopes to continue this as an annual event, as it was in past years. The Club will again present two scholarships to graduating seniors of Bisbee High School. The "Christmas in July" bazaar will be held on July 18, & the annual Christmas Bazaar on December 5-6. The Club continues its monthly financial support of the Bisbee St. Vincent de Paul food bank, and when called upon, the ladies assist with parish funeral luncheons and dinners for clergy meetings. Club luncheon meetings are usually held the first Wednesday of the month at noon, and annual dues are \$15 per year. New members are welcome. If attendance at the meetings is not possible, women of the parish are always encouraged to help with club activities.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The busy 'Bisbee Knights' finished off 2014 with many successful projects and many hours of volunteer service on their 'done' list--- a Valentine's Dance in February, six Fish Fry dates during Lent, a golf tournament in June, operating the beer booth at the St. Patrick Fall Festival, donating many hours to high school sports, and donations to local youth organizations and the local Firefighter's fund for our 4th of July fireworks. Sadly, during 2014 they felt the loss of Brother Knight, William J. Silva. Bill was a very active member and continues to be missed by all. 2015 promises to be

just as busy a year, with a Valentine's Dance and Fish Fries already completed and a golf tournament coming up. The parish continues to be grateful for the Knights' support of Fr. Jandeh and the parish as a whole.

OUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT MATTERS!

These economic times are challenging for everyone, to say the least. The parish is most appreciative of the continued support of our faith community. Your support enables us to operate 'in the black' and to assist those in our community who are in need.

Don't forget that our parish website, www.stpatsbisbee.com gives you the opportunity to contribute online for your regular offertory gifts, Memorial and Tribute gifts, or one-time contribu-

tions. Take advantage of this tool—it's safe, easy, and you can print your own giving summary at any time.

Our Memorial & Tribute Giving Program is an excellent way to honor someone at a special time, or to memorialize a loved one. Brochures can be picked up in the church narthex or office. Information can also be found at www.stpatsbisbee.com.

CATHOLIC FOUNDATION GRANT RECEIVED

St. Patrick Parish has received a \$9,600.00 grant from the Catholic Foundation to pay for the Church buttress roof sealing repair. Heavy rain last fall made the need for repair very evident as we saw water damage inside the church also. This grant is made possible by our support of the Annual Catholic Appeal.

Fulfilling our Mission to Serve God's People St. Patrick Parish reaches out to meet the needs of our community

By the grace and power of the Holy Spirit, the faith community of St. Patrick Parish and St. Michael Mission is devoted to living and sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We strive to help all grow strong in faith by encountering Jesus in prayer, sacrament, and liturgy. We commit to nurturing our relationships with God and His people through service and works of charity, especially to those in most need, by bringing to life our Lord's Greatest Commandments: "Loving God, with all our heart, soul, and mind and our neighbor as ourselves" (Matthew 22:37-39).

The gospel calls us to share what we have received, and through our ministries our faith community does just that. We reach out to share with the homebound, the incarcerated, with all in our community who are in need, and with others around our diocese and around the world. Our financial support, our prayers, and our willingness to serve help us make our world a better place. May it ever be so.



BISBEE/NACO YOUTH C.R.E.W. Catholics Ready, Equipped, and Willing

Our Bisbee/Naco Youth C.R.E.W. has been coming together and making a difference. Just recently the youth have reached out to help feed the hungry within our community by providing a free baked potato bar once a month to anyone who attended. At the first event they served up 140 loaded baked potatoes, followed up by 152 at the second event. This meant they fed over 100 people each time and touched over 100 lives. Those who attended could tell that the youth involved were enjoying this work of love and taking great pride in their accomplishments! We hope to continue our monthly outreach and see many of you there to enjoy and celebrate with us!

In April three of our youth will be recognized for their works of kindness and positive contributions at the eleventh annual diocesan Saint John Paul II Youth Recognition Award Dinner and Celebration in Tucson. We hope that we can continue to recognize our youth participants at future celebrations so that we may represent our community, St. Patrick Church and St. Michael Mission. The Youth C.R.E.W. is open to any youth of any faith. Parent participation and support is also accepted and encouraged! If you would like to participate in the group and/or future events, please do not hesitate to contact Jennifer Ratkovich at 520-227-3949 or email at jratkovich@diocesetucson.org You can also keep up to date with future events and meetings by liking our facebook page www.facebook.com/BisbeeNacoYouthCrew.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD Spreading God's Love around the World

Compared to 18 boxes in 2013 and 54 boxes in 2014, St. Patrick parishioners and friends filled an amazing **168** shoe boxes last November. Our shoe boxes joined thousands more from southern Arizona that were shipped to children around the world. Filled with school supplies, hygiene items, toys and accessory items, the

boxes will also contain a gospel booklet printed in the child's own language. This is an amazing program. Start thinking now about how you can help. It's not too early to start picking up things to pack into a box. Cash donations help pay the \$7 per box cost of shipping. Watch for details this summer. We'll have another packing party in November. Call Karen McNeal 432-8044 for more information. If every family packed just one box.....



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL Bisbee Conference

God has been good to us at St. Vincent de Paul at St. Patrick's. We continue to operate out of St. Patrick Church parish hall, a much improved space for our food pantry and clothes closet! So many people assist us in continuing to meet our mission of meeting the needs of our community with food, clothing, cash donations and other services. Our average weekly number of friends served has grown from 90 last year to 120 per week to date.

Paired with food, SVdP also provides soup to our friends every week. Inspired by a young couple in our parish who began their ministry by bringing sandwiches every week last summer, another 8 parishioners now happily and generously donate a pot of soup each week. Our friends are truly warmed inside and out!

This January the parish has kicked off our 2nd "Socks with Love" campaign, whereby each month parishioners donate a specific item to be distributed by SVdP each Thursday. Last year you donated over 2500 items from socks to rice, beans, canned meats and finished the year with coats and blankets. This year we've already received 60 jars of peanut butter. You all are truly amazing!

In the fall, we partnered with the Cochise County Health Department to sponsor a health fair for our friends-blood pressure checks, stop smoking and pain management techniques were provided. This March, 3 parishioners have agreed to donate their time and services to cut hair as another service provided to our friends.

On behalf of St. Vincent de Paul, we wholeheartedly thank you for your continued support. One can readily see God working at St. Patrick's through all of you! Stop by to see us any Thursday, 10-1.