



St. Patrick Roman Catholic Parish

St. Patrick Church • St. Michael Mission

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By the grace and power of the Holy Spirit, the faith community of St. Patrick Church 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).

PARISH SACRAMENTS

Five parish young people have completed the requirements of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) and will receive their Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist at the Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday, March 31. This Mass, the most sacred Mass of the church year, begins at 7:00 p.m.:

Gybrahan Zavaleta
Violeta Garcia
Graviota Garcia
Jesus Garcia
Jazlynn Hiraes

Their parents and the parish are very proud of their efforts!

The Sacrament of First Eucharist will be celebrated on Sunday April 29 at the 9:30 a.m. Mass. The 14 students in this class have completed their two year class under the direction of catechist, Wanda Leikem.

Students in the current Confirmation Class have completed the first year of their two year program. Their confirmation will be held in the spring of 2019.

WALKING WITH JESUS EVERY DAY

Our St. Vincent de Paul Bisbee Conference is one of the best examples of how our parish lives its Mission Statement. With the help of some 30 volunteers and willing cooks, the food bank in St. Patrick Parish Hall is open each Thursday from 10 a.m. - noon, serving an average of 120 friends each week. A bag of food as well as a hot meal is provided to the friends who attend. Thanks to the generosity of parishioners and parish organizations, a ham will be included with each food at Easter. According to Yolanda Anderson SVdP President, \$1200-1400 is needed *each month* for food supplies. Monthly support received from St. Patrick parishioners and organizations is critical to meeting this need. A partnership with the Tucson Food Bank also provides 10-20 cases of produce each month. Please remember the SVdP program with your prayers and your monetary support as they continue this important work.



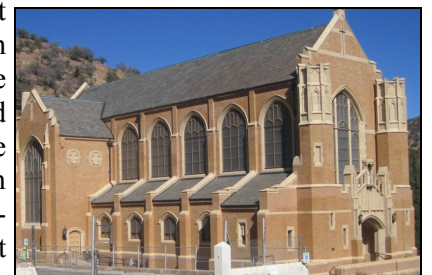
100 YEARS ... AND BEYOND

PRESERVING AND RESTORING

As we find ourselves at the beginning of our second century in the life of St. Patrick Church, we will begin a large and critically important project... the restoration of our stained glass windows. We are exceedingly fortunate that Emil Frei & Associates, the family-owned business in St. Louis MO and the family that originally made our windows, is still in business. A visit to St. Patrick Church by Stephen Frei to do a detailed inspection of our windows confirmed that our windows are really in excellent condition for the most part, considering that they have been in place for a hundred years. That said, there are needed repairs to be made, i.e. replacement of cracked or broken glass sections, straightening and reinforcing of the zinc coated steel bars, removal and replacement of interior and exterior putties, etc. The windows also must be thoroughly cleaned.

NEW PROTECTIVE COATING

The largest and most visible part of the restoration project will be the replacement of the exterior protective coating. Some may remember the windows before the existing Lexan covering was installed some 25 years ago. The windows were just as beautiful from the outside as they were from the inside, particularly at night when the interior church lights were on and one could see the stained glass designs from the outside. It is now known that Lexan becomes increasingly cloudy until it appears almost like plywood from the outside (have you looked up at our windows recently?).



Lexan covering on our church windows has clouded to the point that the stained glass cannot be seen from the outside.

It also expands and contracts greatly with temperature changes, which means that it is impossible to keep the window coverings tightly sealed against a variety of weather conditions. Dust and moisture are trapped between the stained glass and the protective coating, causing a build-up of

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dirt and rusting of steel frames. It also contributes to the deterioration of the wood frames. Many institutions throughout the country are faced with this project of replacing window covering with newer material that is strong but will remain clear, keeping the window glass protected from damage and sealed against weather.



Another Frei project. The windows on the left are now protected with new clear material. The windows on the right still have the clouded Lexan covering.

How much is all this going to cost and how are we going to pay for it? It is not possible now to know exactly how much this necessary work will cost, but it is certain to be over \$250,000. The special Centennial collection was designated by the Centennial Committee to begin a new fund for the restoration of the stained glass windows in St. Patrick Church. Thanks to the generosity of parishioners and others, approximately \$8,000.00 was received to open the restoration account. We are actively researching grant opportunities. Our "On-Line Giving" link on the parish website now includes our Stained Glass Windows Restoration account, which can be used any time for any donation amount. This work will probably start in 2-3 years, as we are worked into the schedule of the Frei & Associates craftsmen. Periodic updates will be provided to keep the parish informed as the project develops. Stay tuned!

KEEPING UP WITH ALL THE LITTLE THINGS

Our church and mission are just like your home...there is always a list of repairs that need to be done to keep the place looking good. Those who visit St. Patrick Church and St. Michael Mission regularly, or even once in a while, see the evidence of routine maintenance and repairs. Our church grounds are always clean and well kept. St. Michael Mission has undergone extensive renovation, and we can certainly be proud of this beautiful and comfortable place to worship. Recent projects at the St. Patrick Church location include roof repair and new gutters on the rectory building to take care of leaks. Renovations to the women's restroom in the parish hall are nearly complete, making it handicapped accessible. During the month of April, the parish hall will be closed for use while the hall is being repainted and additional lighting installed. This project is being completed with a financial contribution from the St. Patrick Women's Club. Your continued support of our Building and Repair Fund collection the first Sunday of each month is greatly appreciated, and essential in enabling the parish to meet the expenses of the endless list of repairs that are always needed.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

June 2, 2018
Turquoise Valley Golf Course

4-person Scramble
Get your team together now
and watch for details to come!

Call Bill Acuna 520-249-7848
or Donnie Carbajal 520-249-5022

St. Patrick Parish

Fall Festival 2018

October 5-6-7

Mark your calendar now, and plan to be part of the parish annual Fall Festival the first weekend in October. There is ample opportunity to support the festival, by volunteering to work, by contributing cash or needed supplies, and by attending the festival with your friends that weekend. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, you may contact any member of the festival committee:

Carmen Bernal	234-7770
Maria Pitzlin	432-5949
Bill Acuna	432-3060
Tom Schelling &	
Isidro Chavez	432-2110
Ruth Dugie	432-3523

Additional members for the Festival Planning Committee are welcome. Please contact one of the committee members so you can be notified of meetings.

Two large yard sales are planned to provide festival start-up money for purchasing early supplies:

Saturday, May 19
Saturday, August 25

Both yard sales will be held at 400 East Vista in Bisbee. Start collecting your yard sale items now, and watch for details.



Christmas in July BAZAAR !

Saturday, July 14 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
St. Patrick Church Parish Hall

LIMITED VENDOR SPACE IS AVAILABLE AT THE BAZAAR. ANYONE INTERESTED IN RENTING A SPACE IS ASKED TO CONTACT BEBE BENITES AT 456-6058 OR MARINA MANZANARES AT 678-5762.