



# St. Patrick Roman Catholic Parish

St. Patrick Church • St. Michael Mission

## NEWSLETTER

December 2012



### Welcome Fr. Samuel Jandeh!



Fr. Samuel Jandeh VC is a priest of the Via Christi Society in Benue State, Nigeria, and arrived in the United States and the Diocese of Tucson on August 29, 2012. After completing his orientation program with the Diocese, Bishop Gerald Kicanas appointed him the Parochial Vicar of St. Patrick Parish effective September 20. Fr. Jandeh is accustomed to warm weather, but will surely miss the frequent heavy rains that are part of living in Nigeria. Welcome to St. Patrick Parish, Fr. Jandeh! We pray for the success of your ministry as you serve the people of God.

[www.stpatsbisbee.com](http://www.stpatsbisbee.com)

Our new website is up and running! If you haven't already used the website, plan to do so soon. You will find much local information about St. Patrick Church & St. Michael Mission--calendar of events, ministry information, religious education, and parish history. Browse through the photo galleries for information about the stained glass windows and renovation work at both the church & the mission. Additionally, there is a wealth of information about the sacraments, what we believe as Catholics, and much, much more. Start your day with the Daily Meditations, Faith in Action, and Catholic News items. Explore! If you have questions about our parish or our Catholic faith, check the website first. You're likely to find what you need!

### Online Giving

St. Patrick Parish is keeping up with technology! Our parish provides Online Giving as an electronic tool for contributions so you can give via the 'web'. It's quick and easy for one time contributions, and for regular givers, it's more convenient than writing checks every month. Because the money is transferred directly into the parish checking account, it's more convenient for the parish too. You can print your own tax statements at the end of the year. Online Giving helps you maintain your giving even if you cannot be here at Mass. This also helps the parish streamline our cash flow, especially during vacation times. Go to our parish website at [www.stpatsbisbee.com](http://www.stpatsbisbee.com) to get started today.



### Upgrading, Repairing, Restoring

We are grateful to the Diocese of Tucson, parishioners, and non parishioners for financial assistance that has enabled us to undertake several important projects at both St. Patrick Church and St. Michael Mission. In the past few months, **St. Patrick Church** has a new fence around the rectory yard, new handrails and new exterior lighting to make our sidewalks and stairs safer. Repair and re-

painting of the stained glass window frames is underway, and new security screens have been installed on the windows of the parish hall. Just completed is installation of new tile in the sanctuary. The carpet in the church nave will be removed after Christmas and the floors refinished. Funding received for these projects includes:

- \$7,500 from the Charity and Ministry Fund, Inc. for demolition of old Niche building and fence repair
- \$10,000 from the Charity and Ministry Fund, Inc. for stained glass window repair
- \$15,000 from a non-parishioner community member for stained glass window repair
- \$25,000 from a parishioner for new flooring in St. Patrick church
- Approx. \$850 from the St. Patrick Parish Women's Club to pay for the new tile entryway in the parish hall

Major renovation work at **St. Michael Mission** is underway. As funds have been raised by parishioners, much of the work has been completed with volunteer labor led by Jesse Morales. A new concrete floor and foundation were critically needed; new interior dry-wall and painting will also be completed as funds are available. Parishioners have raised funds for 'new' pews for the mission, and are now raising funds for new windows. Grant applications have been submitted to various funding sources to hopefully raise additional funds for the needed work.

### Memorial & Tribute Giving Program

Parishioners and non-parishioners are encouraged to remember the Memorial and Tribute Giving Program. Many families choose to memorialize a deceased family member with a special gift to the church at the time of their death, at Christmas, Easter, or any other time during the year. Others recognize a family member or friend on a special occasion, or recognize some particular achievement. When you make a gift to the Memorial & Tribute Fund, you may designate how you want the money spent. You may find more information at [www.stpatsbisbee.com](http://www.stpatsbisbee.com), pick up a brochure in the church narthex, or contact the parish office. Your gifts are critically important as we continue the operation and preservation of our historic church, and carry out its mission in our communities.

### Ministry News

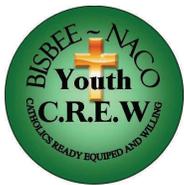
**Do you know.....**Our Homebound Ministry reaches 40 homes every week, as our Eucharistic Ministers bring Holy Communion to those who, due to illness or infirmity, cannot attend Mass. If you, or someone you know, would like to be included in our visits to the homebound, please call the parish office at 432-5753.

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All of our liturgical ministries—Musicians, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, and Hospitality Ministers—need additional volunteers. For more information, visit the ‘Ministry and Service’ page of our website [www.stpatsbisbee.com](http://www.stpatsbisbee.com), or call the parish office at 432-5753.

Are you looking for a way to serve that is very rewarding and does not demand too much time? Please consider the detention ministry. The commitment is once a month 5:15 - 8:00 p.m. at the County Jail on Highway 80. You walk away having received much more than you have given. We are especially in need of a few good men, though women are always welcome too! Please contact Liz Lillard 366-2478 for more info. You can visit [www.stpatsbisbee.com](http://www.stpatsbisbee.com) and download an application to get started!

### Bisbee/Naco Youth C.R.E.W.



Under the guidance of Fr. Jandeh, a new youth group has been formed— Bisbee-Naco Youth Crew: Catholics Ready Equipped and Willing. The group is meeting every Friday at 5:30 in the St. Patrick Parish Hall. The group will be divided into a group for ages 4-12, and a group for ages 13-21, with adult mentors for both groups.

Election of officers will be held on January 18, each office filled by both an adult and a youth member. Initially, the President's position is being filled by Jenny Salcido and youth member Quintin Linden. The group's first project is assisting and caroling at the Christmas Dinner on December 16. All Catholic youth in the area are welcome, including those from other parishes and other communities. For information, contact Jennifer Salcido at 227-3949. Follow Bisbee/Naco Youth CREW on Facebook!

### Religious Education News

St. Patrick religious education classes are held Friday mornings 9-10:30 for grades 1,3,4,5,5,7. Preparation for First Penance and First Communion is held Sunday morning for children and their parents. This is a multi-age group, grades 2-6. Confirmation preparation is also held Sunday morning for grades 8-9. St. Michael Mission holds class for Confirmation preparation as well as a session for 6th graders. There are 53 students enrolled at St. Patrick Church, and 12 students at St. Michael Mission. Our catechists, both experienced and new comers, are truly a blessing. We pray for our catechists, our students, and their families as they continue on their faith journey.

**Adult Formation:** This past liturgical year, two people completed the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) program and became full members of the Catholic Church. Two baptized Catholics received their confirmation. Two people are currently in formation and will become full members of the church at the Easter Vigil liturgy on March 30, 2013. During the current Year of Faith, there will be a series of workshops held each month for adult formation.

### What's happening in the parish?

St Patrick Parish may be small, but there are many things going on. If you've checked the “Ministry and Service” page of our website, you know that there is a long list of opportunities to be actively involved in parish activities.

**Bingo games** are played every Tuesday evening in St. Patrick Parish Hall. The kitchen opens at 6 p.m., serving a variety of good

things to eat there or to take home. Bingo games begin at 7 p.m. [Bingo games will be cancelled on December 25 and January 1.](#)

Our **St. Vincent de Paul** conference continues to serve the community with the Food Bank open every Thursday from 10 a.m.—1 p.m. Donations of non-perishable food items are always needed. Financial support is particularly welcome, enabling St. Vincent de Paul to purchase food at reduced prices to keep the Food Bank shelves stocked. For information, go to [www.stpatsbisbee.com](http://www.stpatsbisbee.com) or call 432-5009.

**St. Patrick Parish Women's Club** continues to be active in their role of supporting church activities. In addition to these ladies helping serve funeral luncheons at the family's request and preparing meals for visiting priests before penance services, the Club tries to provide financial support for parish projects as their budget allows. The club just wrapped up a successful Christmas Bazaar, and have committed funds to pay for the new tile entryway in the parish hall, and one of the new windows at St. Michael Mission. They can always use more volunteers to help with their activities.

**Knights of Columbus Council 863** holds weekly Bingo games each Tuesday in St. Patrick Parish Hall. The Knights recently served approximately 80 people at the Wednesday Community Dinner at the Homeless Shelter and provided a menudo breakfast after the morning Mass for Our Lady of Guadalupe. They are currently planning a pre-Valentine's dance on February 8 at St. Patrick Parish Hall. Live music will be provided by the Tucson band **Night Life**. Tickets will be sold. Watch [www.stpatsbisbee.com](http://www.stpatsbisbee.com) and the parish bulletin for information about advance ticket sales to parishioners of St. Patrick Parish.

### 2012 Statistics

January—November Sacramental Statistics for St. Patrick Parish:

Baptisms	
Children	19
Adults	3
First Penance	
Children	30
First Communion	
Children	30
Adults	3
Confirmation	
Teens	24
Adults	5
Marriages	4

There were 25 deaths/funerals from January—November, 2012.

### The Year of Faith in our parish

Together with Catholics around the world, St. Patrick Parish is actively participating in the Year of Faith declared by Pope Benedict XVI, an opportunity for every Catholic to turn towards Jesus Christ, encounter him in the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist, and rediscover the Faith and Church. During the Year of Faith, from October 11, 2012 until November 24, 2014, there will be many opportunities for parishioners to learn more about their faith. Watch the bulletin for information about Year of Faith opportunities. You can find the schedule for formation sessions scheduled during the year at [www.stpatsbisbee.com](http://www.stpatsbisbee.com)