



St. Patrick Roman Catholic Parish

St. Patrick Church • St. Michael Mission



NEWSLETTER

December 2013

Upgrading, Repairing, Restoring

We continue to be grateful for the contributions of parishioners, other parish supporters, and additional grant funding which have enabled us to continue to maintain and refurbish our beautiful worship spaces. Parishioners attending Mass at St. Patrick Church this year saw the completion of the flooring project as new carpeting was installed. The narthex tile was cleaned and refinished, and new doors were installed on the reconciliation and vesting rooms. The large crucifix and votive candle stand are now on the west side under the 'Christmas window; with pleasing accent lighting. Outside the church additional lighting and handrails have been installed.

And such **BIG NEWS** from St. Michael Mission! It all started with the need to repair the floor, which had separated from the walls of the building. As with any 'repair' project on an old building, one thing led to another.....and another.....and ANOTHER! With grant funding and over \$50,000 raised in the local community, St. Michael mission has been completely redone. In addition to the new concrete floor, new windows were installed, new insulation, drywall and painting were completed. A new heating / air conditioning unit will help keep worshipers comfortable. A new sacristy and handicapped accessible restrooms were built and the overflow area was remodeled. Furnishing the newly finished space are new pews, new altar, baptismal font, pulpit, presider and deacon's chairs, ambry (cabinet for holy oils) and credence table. A new wrought iron door now secures the building. Additional work will be completed as funds are available. Congratulations to the entire Naco Community for finding the means to see this project through! The rededication will be scheduled soon.

Centennial Celebration is coming!

Have you checked the Parish History page on our website? St. Patrick church was consecrated on September 30, 2017. In less than four years, we will be celebrating our Centennial! We are beginning to think about possibilities for our Centennial celebration, and are asking parishioners, friends and family members, whether in the Bisbee area or elsewhere, to help by finding photographs or other items which will help us tell the story of our Catholic community in Bisbee. Also wanted are pictures of Sacred Heart Church, the mission churches in Don Luis and Tintown, and the old St. Michael Mission. Please be willing to loan your photographs to the parish. They will be scanned to make digital copies and returned to you. Would you or someone you know be willing to write about things you remember? Or make a tape recording of some of your memories? Please call the parish office with ideas or suggestions.

Happy Birthday, Evelyn!

On December 22, 2013, our very own Evelyn Conlogue will celebrate her 100th birthday! This delightful lady was born on December 22, 1913 in Solomonsville, near Safford, AZ, the oldest of 5 children, and grew up in the Miami, AZ area. After attending business college in Long Beach, her training and the fact that she was

bilingual led to a job with the State Department in Washington D.C. She later returned to Arizona, met her husband, Jim, and they remained in Southern Arizona and raised their son, Jim and daughter Mary. Evelyn later worked for the Greenlee Co. Health Dept. and wrote a grant which enabled the beginning of the Greenlee Assoc. for Retarded Citizens. Evelyn and Jim were both involved in volunteer work. They moved to Bisbee in 1986. After Jim's death, Evelyn remained in Bisbee and resides now with her daughter Mary. Evelyn has many stories to share about her work in Washington and her traveling adventures. She enjoys music and looks forward each year to singing with the choir for the Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration. We have all been blessed to have this vibrant lady in our midst. Evelyn will celebrate her birthday with family and friends. Her special guest will be her only surviving sibling, 'baby brother' Larry, who is 87! Congratulatory cards may be sent to Evelyn at 512 Hoatson Avenue, Bisbee, AZ 85603. Congratulations, Evelyn—we offer our prayers and wish only the best for you!

Memorial & Tribute Giving Program

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.

New Parish Calendars

Did you get your calendar? St. Patrick Parish has its own parish calendar for 2014, with thanks to our advertisers and to Jennifer Salcido who took the pictures and put the calendar together. If you didn't get one already, there are some calendars left, which you may purchase at the parish office for \$5 Tuesday thru Friday, 9:00 a.m.—4 p.m. . Don't wait too long or they'll be gone!

Sacrament Statistics

These statistics are from December 2012 through November 2013

Baptisms	37
First Communion	
Children	17
Adults	2
Confirmation	
Teens	29
Adults	3
Marriages	4
Deaths/funerals	37

Online Giving

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

Ministry News

St. Patrick Parish 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.

The Detention Ministry is a rewarding way to participate in ministry without having to commit much time. 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. Particularly needed are a few good men, though women are always welcome too! Please contact Maggie Goff 366-2088 for more info. You can visit our website at www.stpatsbisbee.com and download an application to get started!

Those who have felt called to the parish Lector Ministry are grateful to have the opportunity to be an active part of our liturgies each week, as we proclaim 'the Word of the Lord' at each Mass. We currently have 16 lectors at St. Patrick Church and 4 at St. Michael Mission, but we are always in need of additional lectors to serve when others must be away. This year we have welcomed Marina Manzanares, Andrea Echave, Shirley Mac and Pat Brinton as new Lectors, and were pleased to see our 'snowbird' lector, Rudy Susa again this fall. Do you feel called to serve in the Lector Ministry? Please be willing to respond, "Here I am, Lord," and call Wanda at 236-9659 for further information.

St. Vincent de Paul—Bisbee Conference

The mission of St. Vincent de Paul is simply to serve those in need—whether it be with food, clothing, medical issues, or assistance with utilities and rent. This assistance is available every Thursday, 10-1 in the Old School Building of St. Patrick Catholic Church, thanks to the generosity of parishioners, donors and income from fundraisers throughout the year.

This past year, 10/1-9/30/2013, the SVdP group of 15 volunteers logged more than 2800 volunteer hours and traveled more than 1800 miles. 3309 friends were served with bags of food. Our friends consist of a diversity of people from our community, Naco and surrounding areas. They range in ages from 2 years old to 92, and are single males, single mothers, senior adults and families with various children. Many are jobless, some are homeless, most are on fixed incomes. We invite anyone who has 1-3 hours per week available to join us. Our office phone number is 432-5009

St. Patrick Parish Women's Club

St. Patrick Parish Women's Club continues to be a busy, thriving organization, fulfilling their mission of supporting the parish and parish activities. Proceeds from the recent Christmas Bazaar and other fundraisers are used to support parish projects. In 2013 the Club provided funds for a new window at St. Michael Mission, new tile entryway in the parish hall, and 2 stainless steel countertops in the kitchen. More projects are slated for the coming year. Club members assist with funeral luncheons at the church, provide 2 scholarships to BHS graduating seniors each year, and have committed funds to provide monthly support to the St. Vincent de Paul food bank. Club luncheon meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month at noon. New members are welcome. Even if attendance at the meetings is not possible, women of the parish are encouraged to help with other club activities.

Religious Education News

Parish Religious Education classes are held Friday and Sunday mornings. Currently there are 59 students enrolled, including 16 in the First Eucharist / First Penance class and 10 in the Confirmation class. 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.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a tradition that moves people through the process of becoming Christian Catholics. Currently, St Patrick's has an adult and five children preparing for the sacraments of initiation on Easter Vigil. Although becoming a Catholic Christian takes a lifetime, the RCIA process reflects the initial stages of developing a relationship with God. We welcome Roxan, Brandon, Shylo, Yanessa, Jesus, and Gabriella to our St Patrick's community.

Knights of Columbus

Bisbee Council 0863, Arizona's Mother Council, continues to actively support St. Patrick Parish. In 2013, the Knights sponsored another successful golf tournament at Turquoise Valley, continued the traditional Lenten Fish Fry, and provided funds to help with upgrades in St. Patrick Parish hall & kitchen, and the completion of the handicapped ramp & railings project at St. Michael Mission hall. Community outreach is important to the Knights. They provided monetary support for Bisbee Youth Sports, and for Veterans' Day, students at Greenway and McNeal Elementary schools received information about the history of our US Flag and copies of the US Constitution. Coming up soon, the Knights will be cooking for a group of Greenway School students for their trip to see the sandhill cranes in Elfrida, and another golf tournament is planned.

The Knights' 2013 Valentine's Day dinner-dance was most successful. Be sure to watch for information about the coming year's dance to be held February 15, 2014.

Merry Christmas, Bisbee!



What do you do with 5,500 mini styrofoam cups?? The Chain Link Christmas Crew, led by Shirley Mac and Kevin Tucker can tell you! You add many lights and artificial evergreen branches. Then you gather together about 30 volunteers with willing spirits and nimble fingers, feed them hot dogs & chili and VOILA! you create the 80 ft. x 7 ft. parish Christmas greeting for the community of Bisbee! Actually, it isn't quite that simple..... Many weeks prior to the official day, the design & layout is completed. String is woven through the chain link to outline the areas which will be filled with the mini cups. Many hours are spent testing lights. On the big day the Higgins Hill Gang (parishioners who live in the area) and assorted friends and family members (this year from Hawaii, San Diego & Washington) arrive to create a wonderful display which can easily be seen, day and night, for quite a distance. The volunteers' enthusiasm kinda makes it seem like this might be an annual event.....and the entire community is very grateful! If you'd like to donate artificial branches for next year, or help take this year's greeting apart, give Shirley a call at 432-4555.