

April 11, 2021

Second Sunday of Easter



# He is Still Risen!



St. Pat's—A community of Christian stewards living in faith, hope and love."

**St. Patrick's Parish**  
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**PARISH OFFICE**, by appointment.

## MASS SCHEDULE

**Daily Mass—Tuesday and Thursday 5:30 PM**  
**Wednesday and Friday 12:00 Noon**  
Communion to follow for those attending and those who watch the livestream.  
**Saturday—5:00 PM, Mass in the Church and Hall**  
Communion to follow for those attending and those who watch the livestream.  
**Sunday—8:30 AM and 11:00 AM, Mass in the Church and Hall**  
Communion to follow for those attending and those who watch the livestream.  
**Adoration—Thursday, 6:00-8:00PM**  
**Confessions—Thurs., 6:00-7:00PM, Sat, 3:00-4:00PM**

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## Doubting Didymus?

It think Thomas the Apostle gets a bad wrap with the whole “doubting Thomas” thing. For one, it’s uncreative. Since he was also known as “Didymus,” I think that “Doubting Didymus” has a much nicer alliterative ring to it, don’t you? But more than that, I admire Thomas for being a very down-to-earth, practical guy. Try to remember that up to this point in history, no one had ever risen from the dead. It is an absolute novelty. It simply was not part of the human experience. So Thomas has difficulty with the concept, let alone the reality of the resurrection. He wants verifiable proof to resolve his difficulty. Having done my share of practical jokes, (Ask John G about the two big “leaks”, or was it “leeks” in the utility room on April 1st.) I admire Thomas for wanting to do a further investigation.

Resolution will come soon enough the next week when Jesus appears again. Note that Thomas doesn’t actually put his hand into Jesus’ side or his finger in the nail marks. For him, seeing is believing. His difficulty is resolved.

It should be the same for us. I don’t think God wants a bunch of un-reflected spiritual zombies as his disciples. He gave us an intellect and he expects us to develop it to the full. We are called to “ask, seek, and knock.” Thus, when we are faced with some dogmatic or spiritual conundrum, we should seek to resolve our difficulty with prayer, study, and discussion with those in the Church who have experience and expertise in the matter at hand. I’ve learned that if I am willing to pray or study or even wait long enough, insight always comes. A thousand difficulties don’t amount to a single instance of disbelief. Rather, as St. Thomas Aquinas quipped, it is “faith seeking understanding.”

## Pastoral Council Nominations

For the past few weeks, I have been asking the various teams and committees to nominate their representative to the Pastoral Council. That process is almost complete. Now it is time for the whole community to discern our Elder, Youth, Young Adult, and New Family representatives. Please take a nomination form, pray over it, and return to the designated baskets by May 9th. The Pastoral Council will be solemnly commissioned for their three-year term by the whole parish on Pentecost, May 23. - Fr. Leo



## New to the Parish?

**Welcome!** Please take a moment to call the office! We would love to meet you and show you around...in a safe and sanitary way, of course! Thanks for coming!

## PARISH NEWS AND NOTES

### Stewardship of Treasure

**March Goal      \$51,200.00**

Sunday, March 7      \$10,949.32

Sunday, March 14      \$9,894.32

Sunday, March 21      \$14,058.38

Sunday, March 28      \$13,323.38

Total Collected      \$48,225.40

Short of Goal      \$2,974.60

**Thank you for your generosity!**

### Thank You for Your Generosity!

We offer many ways to support St. Patrick's.

**In Person:** Drop your donation in the basket at the back after Mass, or drop your donation through outer doors of the Deacons Hall.

**Give Online:** Go to the parish website, [www.st.patsak.org](http://www.st.patsak.org) and click on "Donate" at upper right. You can donate through a credit card or bank account, and you can use the "Quick Give" option if you don't wish to set up a user name and password.

**By Mail:** Send your donation via U.S. Mail

**Thank you for your continuing support of your parish family during these difficult times!**



### Pray the Rosary!

Please join the ACTS core team for a

St. Patrick's community rosary!

**Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 7pm via Zoom**

Zoom ID: 910-6943-4837

Password: 507204

Also, all are welcome to join our Knights of Columbus as they lead praying the Rosary before the 5pm Mass each Saturday, and before the 8:30am Mass each Sunday.

### Prayer Chain

Is there a special person or need that you would like lifted up in prayer?

Email: [prayerchain@st.patsak.org](mailto:prayerchain@st.patsak.org) with the name and intention you would like our intercessors to bring before the Lord in their daily prayer.

### Thank You From St. Francis House!

From this year's St. Joseph Table, our parish donated **1603 pounds** of food to the St. Francis House Food Pantry! God bless you!

## Greeters, Ushers, Cleaners Needed!

As the pandemic abates and more people get vaccinated, we are seeing more people coming to Mass. Nevertheless, until the Muni ordinances change, our protocols are still in place regarding social distancing, etc. **It would be nice to add another Sunday Morning Mass, but we cannot do so until we have a sufficient number of Greeters, Ushers, and Sanitizers** to ensure the safety of all. We need your help. You can sign up in the Church at the table by the front door, or send an email to Margaret Simmons at [queenowrites@arctic.net](mailto:queenowrites@arctic.net).

### Divine Mercy Celebration

Please join us on the Second Sunday of Easter,

April 11th, for this year's Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration.

The service will begin

at 2pm, and will be held this

year at St. Elizabeth Ann

Seton Parish, 2901 East

Huffman Road. The service

will include Adoration of The

Blessed Sacrament, recita-

tion of the Divine Mercy

Chaplet, hope for a Plenary

Indulgence, and opportunity

for Reconciliation. Please



join us this Sunday at 2pm for this

wonderful celebration.

## First Communion & Confirmation

This Easter season we are preparing for an unusual First Communion and Confirmation. Unlike previous years, both Masses will be for family only due to the pandemic. However, the entire parish is invited to join us via the Facebook livestream. First Communion will be Saturday, May 8 at 10am. Confirmation will be Wednesday, May 19 at 7pm. Please pray for our First Communicants, our Confirmation candidates, and all of their families.





# Health Talk 'n' Walk

## GET FIT & LEARN

Join us at Goose Lake Park (2811 UAA Drive) for a brief outdoor seminar followed by a 40-45 minute walk on the Chester Creek Trail with our featured speaker.

- 5:45 pm - Check-in, get water, stretch.
- 6:00 pm - 15 minute health presentation.
- 6:15 pm - Walk at your own pace. Speaker will intermingle with the group to answer questions and expand on the topic.

This event is FREE. Be sure to dress for the weather. Masks or cloth face coverings are required. No pets, please.

Please RSVP if you plan to come. Email or Call Ruth at 264-1823 and leave a message with name and phone number. First come, first served up to 19.

## 2021 SCHEDULE

Date: Thursday, April 15th

Speaker: Ruth Townsend, MS, CWWPC

Topic: "Stretch for Stress Relief"

There is plenty of research promoting exercise to relieve stress and anxiety, as well as the physical symptoms caused by stress. Exercise in general lowers the stress hormones, adrenaline and cortisol, and stimulates endorphins. Stretching is an ideal form of exercise because everyone can do it regardless of fitness level.

Join us and learn how to do some specific stretches to relieve stress, lower blood pressure, relieve aches and pains and also learn about the additional benefits of stretching related to aging, arthritis, and improved range of motion.

### -MORE TO COME!

Thur, May 13th - "Tuning in to Wellness: The Power of Music"

No June Talk n Walk this month

Thur, Jul 15th - To be Announced

Thur, Aug 19th - To be Announced

Thur, Sep 16th - To be Announced



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**Saturday, April 24, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

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# ARCHDIOCESAN AND PARISH NEWS

## Position Opening

### Director of Evangelization and Parish Life

St. Patrick's Parish, a friendly Catholic community of 1100 families at the foot of the Chugach Mountains in Anchorage, Alaska, has an immediate opening for dynamic, qualified applicants for the position of Director of Evangelization and Parish Life. Successful applicants must be actively practicing their Catholic Faith, love children and young people, and have a passion for evangelism and outreach, both personally and at the ministry level. Master's degree in Catholic Religious Education/Administration, Evangelization, Religious Studies, Pastoral Theology, or related field is required; career experience in a related field may be substituted. At least three years of ministerial experience in a Catholic parochial or diocesan environment is necessary, with demonstrated experience engaging multiple stakeholders and diverse cultures.

Successful candidates will have excellent oral and written communication skills, be adept at using social media and technology. Strong skills regarding recruitment, training, motivation, and appreciation of others in the spirit of Christian Stewardship are essential. Also essential is experience in education, training, and train-the-trainer methodologies. Strong spiritual leadership skills from a servant-leader perspective are a plus as well as good public speaking and presentation skills. A large component of this position involves being able to engage with and motivate people, especially youth and young adults.

A complete position description and expected results statement is available upon request. Full-time. Excellent benefits including medical, dental, optical, and retirement match. Salary dependent on experience.

#### Contact:

Fr. Leo Walsh, Pastor and Chief Pilot  
Email: [fr.leo@st.patsak.org](mailto:fr.leo@st.patsak.org)  
or drop resume and cover letter at the parish office.



## Co-Coordinator Needed

Make a difference! Save a soul! We are looking for a Vacation Bible School (VBS) co-coordinator to help plan and run VBS this year and next. Please email Mary if you have questions or would like to volunteer. [mallison@st.patsak.org](mailto:mallison@st.patsak.org)



## Thank You!

To all who have collected alms for Catholic Relief Services through Operation

Rice Bowl! Please drop your Rice Bowls in the collection baskets. Your generosity will help to feed and shelter many in the world affected by natural and man-made disasters. You may still donate at [www.crsricebowl.org/give/](http://www.crsricebowl.org/give/)

## National Day of Prayer for America Forty Hours of Adoration

The National Day of Prayer is an annual observance held on the first Thursday of May, inviting people of all faiths to pray for the nation. It was created in 1952 by a joint resolution of the United States Congress and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman. Our St. Patrick's Parish family will be participating in the National Day of Prayer this year by taking part in Eucharistic Adoration beginning after Noon Mass on Wednesday, May 5th, and continuing all day and night until concluding at 8:30pm, Thursday, May 6th. Please look for a sign-up sheet in the gathering area and volunteer to spend an hour in prayer and Adoration. We will need at least two people to sign up to be present praying throughout this time of prayer. Please join us as we pray with our fellow citizens for our country during these challenging times. Contact John Streit for details.

**Holy Land Collection**—We are very sorry that, due to an oversight, we did not put out a collection basket on Good Friday for our annual Holy Land Collection. If you have your Good Friday envelope, please drop it in the regular "Sunday Collection" basket today and we will total and forward the funds on to the Archdiocese for this special collection. If you didn't receive an envelope, but would like to support this collection for the benefit of the Catholic Community in the Holy Land, please place your donation in the "Sunday Collection" basket and mark it "Good Friday - Holy Land". Thank you very much!





## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, April 11 - 2nd Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday

8:00 AM, Rosary Prayer before Mass in the Day Chapel  
 8:30 AM, Mass in Church and Hall, Communion follows  
 11:00 AM, Mass in Church and Hall, Communion follows  
 2:00 PM, Divine Mercy Service at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

### Monday, April 12

Office Closed—No Public Mass today  
 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM, Bible Study - Intro. to Scripture, via Zoom

### Tuesday, April 13

5:30 PM, Mass in Church, Communion follows  
 6:00 PM, Legion of Mary, Deacons Hall  
 6:30 PM, R.C.I.A., via Zoom

### Wednesday, April 14

12 Noon, Mass in Church, Communion follows  
 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM, Bible Study - The Book of Job, via Zoom  
 7:00 PM, Parish Community Rosary & ACTS Core Meeting, via Zoom

### Thursday, April 15

10:00 AM, Adult Bible Study, Deacon Hall  
 5:30 PM, Mass in Church, Communion follows  
 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM, Confession, Day Chapel  
 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM, Eucharistic Adoration, Church

### Friday, April 16

12 Noon, Mass in Church, Communion follows

### Saturday, April 17 - Vigil - 3rd Sunday of Easter

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM First Communion Workshop, Church  
 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM, Confessions, Day Chapel  
 4:30 PM, Rosary Prayer before Mass, Church  
 5:00 PM, Mass in Church and Hall, Communion Follows

### Sunday, April 18 - 3rd Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM, Rosary Prayer before Mass in the Day Chapel  
 8:30 AM, Mass in Church and Hall, Communion follows  
 11:00 AM, Mass in Church and Hall, Communion follows

All liturgies are livestreamed, then posted on  
[www.facebook.com/stpatsak](http://www.facebook.com/stpatsak)

## READINGS

### April 11 - Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

### April 12 - Monday of the Second Week of Easter

Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-9; Jn 3:1-8

### April 13 - Saint Martin I. Pope and martyr

Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7-15

### April 14 - Wednesday of the Second Week of Easter

Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21

### April 15 - Thursday of the Second Week of Easter

Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36

### April 16 - Friday of the Second Week of Easter

Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15

### April 17 - Saturday of the Second Week of Easter

Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21

### April 18 - Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9; 1 Jn 2:1-5; Lk 24:35-48

## MASS INTENTIONS

### April 10 - April 16, 2021

Sat.	5:00pm	People of the Parish
Sun.	8:30am	Dodie Matsko, S.I.
	11:00am	
Tues.	5:30pm	Martha Nwosisi, ROS
Wed.	Noon	Paul Delcort, ROS
Thurs.	5:30pm	John Andrew Koop Sr., ROS
Fri.	Noon	Jerry Witt, ROS

## ATTENDANCE LIVE AND VIRTUAL

Mass Date & Time	Church	Hall	Live stream	Tot	Week end
Holy Thursday	115	32	384	531	
Good Friday Stations	68	0	372	440	
Good Friday	127	25	489	641	
Easter Vigil	139	30	594	763	
Easter Sun - 7:30	86	0	481	567	
Easter Sun - 9:30	98	3	430	531	
Easter Sun - 11:30	150	70	547	767	4240

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