

May 2, 2021

Fifth Sunday of Easter



He is Risen!



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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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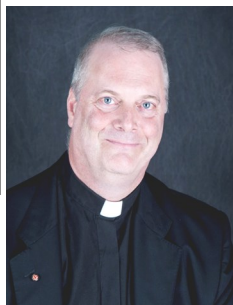
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Dead Branches

Springtime in Alaska means two things: dead branches and dog poop. In that two or three week period when the snow has melted but the grass and the trees have yet to turn green, one looks out upon the yard and sees all those things that we were able to ignore during the winter months because they were covered with snow.

Dead branches are particularly mournful. No longer attached to the trees above, they lie as lifeless reminders of the tempests long past. They are difficult to collect and they are not much use for anything except as kindling in the fire pit.

Small wonder that Jesus would use such an image to describe someone who is dead because they have cut themselves off from the Lord through sin. Just as the branch has no life because it is no longer attached to the source of its life, so too, when we sin, we cut ourselves off from the source of our life who is Christ.

There are two dimensions to this lifelessness of sin. The first effect is immediate. When we are in a state of sin, our life is diminished. We are more self-conscious and irritable. Little things that did not bother us before suddenly take on disproportionate control of our emotions and what was left of our well-being. We are less ourselves. As Thomas Aquinas would say, we are actually less human.

The second effect has eternal consequences. Should we remain in this state our condition continues to deteriorate until we are a physical and spiritual shell of our former selves. Cut off from the Source of relationship, all our relationships suffer, diminish and fail. Eventually we cut ourselves off from everyone, not just God. We feel nothing, relate to nothing, *are* nothing. This is the death of the soul—complete, total, self-inflicted isolation. It is a sobering thing to realize that God condemns no one. Everyone in hell has freely chosen to be there. How sad. How very, very sad.

Thanks be to God for the forgiveness of sins won for us on the Cross that restores us to life in Christ.



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 April Goal \$57,200.00

Easter Sunday	\$11,681.71
Sunday, April 11	\$10,324.71
Sunday, April 18	\$12,128.63
Sunday, April 25	\$14,474.63
<hr/> Total Collected	<hr/> \$48,609.68
Short of Goal	\$8,590.32

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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 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!

Pastoral Council Nominations

All parishioners are invited to complete a Pastoral Council Nomination Form found on the Sign-In Table in the gathering area and hall. Please place all completed forms in the baskets in the gathering area. Thank you for your help in this important step in the growth of our parish community!

Needed!

Greeters, Ushers, Cleaners

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, Ushes, 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 queenowrits@arctic.net.

Prayer Chain

Is there a special person or need that you would like lifted up in prayer?
Email: prayerchain@st.patsak.org with the name and intention you would like our intercessors to bring before the Lord in their daily prayer.



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 see the sign-up poster 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.

Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet



We are offering once again this year Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet cards and envelopes available in the gathering area of the church. Please indicate your prayer requests for your loved ones on the envelope marked Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet and place it in the regular collection. The envelopes will be placed on the altar for the month of May as we keep all of our mothers in prayer.

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.

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 is 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 up on 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
or drop resume and cover letter at the parish office.

St. Andrew Parish

Annual Healing Mass for Pregnancy and Child Loss

The Elizabeth Ministry of St. Andrew Parish in Eagle River is sponsoring a "Healing Mass for Pregnancy and Child Loss," on Friday, May 7, 2021, at 7:00 pm with a light reception to follow. After the Mass there will be an opportunity for individual or group prayer and fellowship with others who have experienced these painful losses. This Mass will also be live-streamed for those who cannot attend in person at <https://aksaintandrews.org/>

For more information, you may see our ad in the May edition of the North Star Catholic newspaper, or contact Jo Martin, Elizabeth Ministry Coordinator, at [907-441-8917](tel:907-441-8917).

Holy Rosary Academy Virtual Auction

Holy Rosary Academy's annual auction is virtual this year! Bidding begins at noon on Saturday, May 1st and continues through 9:00 pm on Friday, May 7th. Don't miss this opportunity to win a cruise and hotel stay to watch the humpback whales in Seward, kayaking on the Kenai, beautiful artwork and jewelry, fine whiskeys, and more! Register at <https://hraak.asimobile.net/>

Pray the Rosary!

Please join the ACTS core team for a

St. Patrick's community rosary!

Wednesday, May 12, 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.

"I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit." - Jn 15:5

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, May 2 - 5th 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

Monday, May 3

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

Tuesday, May 4

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

Wednesday, May 5 - National Day of Prayer

12 Noon, Mass in Church, Communion follows
12:30 PM - Thurs, 5/6 8:30 PM, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM, Bible Study - The Book of Job, via Zoom
7:00 PM, Knights of Columbus Meeting, via Zoom

Thursday, May 6

12:30 PM Wed, 5/5 - 8:30 PM, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
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

Friday, May 7

12 Noon, Mass in Church, Communion follows

Saturday, May 8 - Vigil - 6th Sunday of Easter

10:00 AM, First Communion Mass, Livestreamed for public viewing
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, May 9 - 6th 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

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READINGS

May 2 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-28, 30-32; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

May 3 - Feast of Sts. Philip and James, Apostles

1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14

May 4 - Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Easter

Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13, 21; Jn 14:27-31

May 5 - Wednesday of the Fifth Week of Easter

Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8

May 6 - Thursday of the Fifth Week of Easter

Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11

May 7 - Friday of the Fifth Week of Easter

Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17

May 8 - Saturday of the Fifth Week of Easter

Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

May 9 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1-4; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

MASS INTENTIONS

May 1 - May 7, 2021

Sat.	5:00pm	People of the Parish
Sun.	8:30am	Austin and Barbara Huck, ROS
	11:00am	Sharon Nowak, ROS
Tues.	5:30pm	
Wed.	Noon	Jerry Witt, ROS
Thurs.	5:30pm	Julius Janko, ROS
Fri.	Noon	Mary Accordino, Birthday Blessings

ATTENDANCE LIVE AND VIRTUAL

Mass Date & Time	Church	Hall	Live stream	Total	Week-end
Sat, Apr 17 – 5 PM	105	4	296	405	
Sun, Apr 18 – 8:30 AM	79	0	284	363	
Sun, Apr 18 – 11 AM	105	49	368	522	1290
Sat, Apr 24 – 5 PM	88	8	248	344	
Sun, Apr 25 – 8:30 AM	110	0	263	373	
Sun. , Apr 25 – 11 AM	120	52	369	541	1258

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