



St. Patrick Roman Catholic Parish

St. Patrick Church ● St. Michael Mission

Newsletter
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Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve - - Tuesday December 24

6:00 p.m. Mass—St. Patrick Church
Caroling begins at 5:15

Christmas Day—Wednesday December 25

9:00 a.m. Mass—St. Patrick Church

*No 11 a.m. Mass Celebrated at St. Michael Mission
on Christmas Day*

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God Mass Schedule (New Year's Day)

A Holy Day of Obligation 2025

Wednesday, January 1

7:30 a.m.—St. Patrick Church

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on New Year's Day*

Dear Friends:

Gift giving is certainly an important part of Christmas, and not necessarily the ones purchased from Amazon or the Mall.

Some gifts you give this Christmas are beyond monetary value, impacting positively the people receiving while transforming you the person giving.

Let's consider giving these:

Mend a quarrel, dismiss suspicion, tell someone, "I love you." Give something away-not from surplus, but from your wealth. Forgive someone who has treated you wrong. Turn away wrath with a soft answer. Remain tight lipped, no gossip. Visit someone in a nursing home or who lives alone. Call and apologize if you were wrong. Be kind to someone whose behavior is harsh. Pray for those who have hurt you. Be loving to those who seem unlovable.

Gift others this Christmas as God has gifted you in Christ Jesus, without obligation, announcement, reservation, or hypocrisy – but simply out of love.

Jesus gave himself, the most precious gift of all, to you and me. Let's do the same this Christmas and witness how Jesus and His love changes our little corner of the world.

Merry Christmas my friend.

Dcn. Tony

ST. PATRICK PARISH

ARCHIVES PROJECT

Our Archives Project is alive and well, and its quiet background progress will bear much fruit benefiting future generations. Are you still watching for old pictures and/or other memorabilia? We find these things in such unexpected places sometimes, from people or collections or places that have no particular connection to the parish. Please keep an eye out, and don't hesitate to ask others for items they might have or know about.

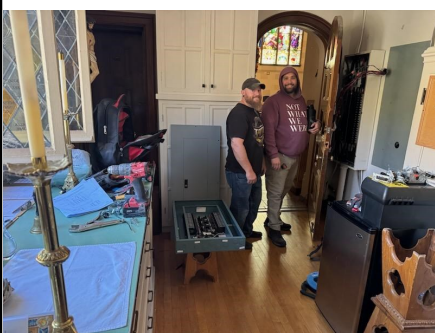
Coming soon will be pictures displayed in the gift shop, so watch for more information about that addition.

*Jesus is the Reason
for the Season.*

CHURCH LIGHTING PROJECT

Dear Parishioners and friends of our Faith Community,

With very great pleasure I wish to inform you that the final phase of our Window Restoration Project has been completed. The lighting of our beautiful stained glass windows is finally a reality.



Rick Canfield and his crew from Palo Verde Electric in Tucson installed the new wiring and interior fixtures to illuminate our magnificent windows at night, while also enhancing the Stations of the Cross statuary in the side aisles. The new state-of-the-art lighting panel was installed for safety reasons, but it also gives

us the capability to program the new lights to be on and off at specific times. We look forward to sharing the beautiful windows with visitors and locals for a period in the evening after dark.

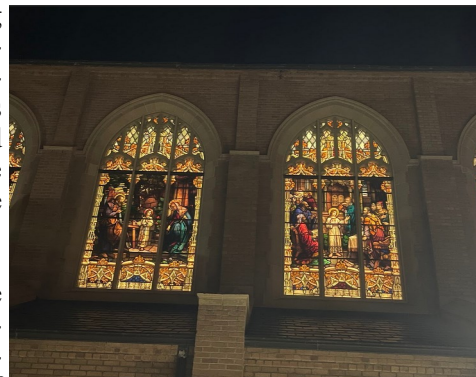


I would like to express my appreciation to Deacon Tony Underwood, our parish administrator, for his support and expert advice throughout the entire project. I thank the Window Restoration Project committee – Deacon Tony Underwood, Fr. Amal Sebastiar, Ruth Dugie, Mary Gomez, Elizabeth Lueck, Sylvia Echave Stock, Stella Burke and Benjamin Saenz, for their tireless energy expended for the entire project. I am grateful and appreciative to you, the parishioners and friends of our faith community that made our Window Restoration Project possible through your prayers and generous donations. I thank Bishop Edward Weisenberger, Bishop Emeritus Gerald Kicanas, and the Diocese of Tucson for their support.

St. Patrick Church has always played a large role in the history of the Bisbee community. During the window restoration we were very much aware of the “historical pull” of the windows themselves. Our windows were designed and installed in approx. 1916 by the Emil Frei Art Glass Company, a company founded in 1898 by Emil Frei, a Bavarian immigrant whose family settled in St. Louis, Missouri and began the family owned and operated business designing, manufac-



turing and installing stained glass windows. Our restoration work 106 years later was supervised by Stephen Frei, the great-grandson of the company founder. The windows of St. Patrick Church are more than just windows. They are outstanding examples of liturgical art, and we are pleased to share them with the community.

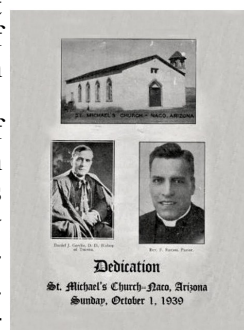


Blessings,

Fr. Joe Saba, WRP Committee Chair

A NEW ROOF FOR ST. MICHAEL MISSION!

St. Michael Mission is 85 years old. It was dedicated in 1939 as a mission of Sacred Heart Church in Bisbee. When Sacred Heart was closed in 1970, St. Michael Mission became a mission of St. Patrick Church. A major renovation was completed in 2013, and now, thanks to a very generous donor, we have a new metal roof that will protect our beautiful Mission for the next 40 years. St. Michael Mission continues to be a Historic and Spiritual jewel for our Bisbee/Naco community, and projects like this will ensure it remains so, for many years to come.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS



With 2.1 million members around the world, we have been investing our time, effort and resources in our values of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism since 1882, which is the founding of the Knights of Columbus. Our commitment to charitable service is just one of

the many ways that we express our Catholic Faith. We are here to build back to what matters, for our members, families, and fellow Catholics.

If you or someone you know is interested in joining the Bisbee Knights of Columbus Council contact Charlie Pisani at (520) 227-4841 or email: dcanyon@cox.net. Also, you can contact the parish office and speak with Deacon Tony.

Vivat Jesus!
Grand Knight Charlie Pisani Sr.



**Meets first
Wednesday
of every month**

Join us In our
service to the
Parish

An ongoing
tradition
for 100+ years



When the St. Patrick Gift Shop reopened this summer, it was thrilling to see that the expansion/remodel project had transformed the area into a delightful space twice the size and filled with a much larger inventory of special items. Rave reviews are coming in for this pleasant place to shop, and for the extraordinary items, many homemade, that are available.

The Gift Shop is open M-F from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., plus a short time after the 5 p.m. Saturday Mass and the 9 a.m. Sunday Mass. Stop in to check it out, and be sure to tell your friends. Or, better yet, bring some friends with you. They'll enjoy it too!

WALKING WITH JESUS EVERY DAY



Our local St. Vincent de Paul Conference continues to provide rock solid support for our community. With our help, this year they've distributed food to nearly 4,000 people (translating to about 12,700 family members) and provided close to \$9,800 in rent & utility assistance.

Since winter and cold weather (by Arizona standards) are upon us, remember that donations of coats, hats, gloves and blankets are needed and most welcome.

Bake sale fundraisers are held throughout the year; the Christmas sale will be December 14/15. Your donations of non-perishable food items and \$10 Safeway gift cards are very much needed to help our friends make it through the difficult holiday season upon us. You'll find a suggested list of needed food items in our weekly Flocknote / church bulletin.

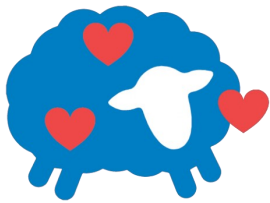
And remember — your monetary donations to St. Vincent de Paul qualify for an Arizona State Income Tax Qualified Charitable Organization Tax Credit.

SACRAMENT STATISTICS

Statistics from 2024 liturgical year*:

Baptism	37
First Communion/Reconciliation	7
Confirmation**	
Adults	7
Children	18
Deaths	19
Marriages	3

* The liturgical year begins on the first Sunday of Advent.



St. Patrick Flocknotes

WE ARE WORKING HARD TO MAKE OUR FLOCKNOTE NETWORK AS EFFECTIVE AS IT CAN BE. IF YOU ARE NOT CURRENTLY RECEIVING OUR FLOCKNOTES, WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO TRY. IF YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO COULD / SHOULD BE RECEIVING THEM, PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION.

WHAT ARE FLOCKNOTES?

A Flocknote is the way the parish communicates with you --- an electronic message that comes to you via your e-mail or in a text message. It is the best way we have to reach the most people in the least amount of time and much more inexpensively than a regular mailing. Our main weekly electronic bulletin usually goes out about 3 p.m. on Fridays.

IF YOU ARE SENDING THESE MESSAGES, WHY DON'T I GET THEM?

To reach you with a Flocknote, we must have either your email address or a cell phone number that can receive text messages. (If you have signed up but do not receive them, check your spam folder. Or call the parish office for assistance)

WHAT SHOULD I KNOW BEFORE I SIGN UP??

A few facts about our Flocknotes:

The parish does not charge anything for Flocknotes. This is a free service, but your telephone carrier message & data rates may apply.

If you sign up and later decide you don't want to receive Flocknotes any longer, just let us know. They will be stopped immediately, no questions asked.

You don't have to download anything, and you don't use a password. When you sign up, the messages come directly to you in your email or as a text.

You don't have to be a parishioner of St. Patrick Parish to receive our communications. Anyone may sign up.

HOW DO I SIGN UP FOR FLOCKNOTES?

Text STPATSBIS to 84576 or

**Sign up online at
stpatrickparishbisbee.flocknote.com**

**If you need help, email the parish office at
saintpatrick164@gmail.com. We will assist you in signing up.**

HERE, THERE, AND EVERYWHERE !

St. Patrick Church is getting world-wide attention thanks to modern technology, with watchers as far as the Philippines and India!



Our YouTube channel followers are increasing and we have viewers who



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join us regularly for Mass. This ministry is important to those who cannot join us, whether it's for health

issues, they no longer live in the area, or other reasons. Having the option to watch online helps keep them connected to our church family anytime. Livestream service is available for special occasions as well, not just for Sunday Mass. Using our livestream service, we are able to connect families to share their weddings, funerals, quinceañeras, and baptisms just to name a few occasions. If you happen to miss a livestream, no worry. The videos are saved and can be watched any time.

Be sure to like and follow our YouTube page to stay in touch when you can't be here with us!

WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING.....

. . . for individuals who would like to begin volunteering in one of our parish ministries, or to perhaps consider increasing the amount of time they are spending now. All of our ministries are in need of additional help..... choir members, lectors, eucharistic ministers, ushers ...the list is lengthy.

If you would like more information, please contact Dcn. Tony. Ask about completing the safe environment requirements and how you might best be able to serve.

"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10

SECURITY CAMERAS

We will soon enter phase 3 of our church security camera installation – the outside of our church and rectory. We hope to have this installation complete by the end of spring 2025.

Phases 1 and 2 are complete, enabling security cameras to monitor the inside of our church and parish hall. It is our hope these cameras provide another layer of security for our property and people.