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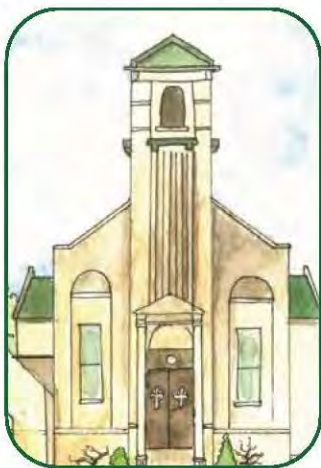
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2026 St. Patrick's Confirmation Class



OFFICE HOURS

Monday- Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
12:30 - 3:00 p.m.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE MOST HOLY EUCHARIST

Monday - Friday
9:15 a.m. *in English*
7:00 p.m. *in Spanish*
Saturday Vigil Mass
4:00 p.m. *in English*
Sunday Masses
10:30 a.m. *in English*
12:00 p.m. *in Spanish*

HOLY DAY MASSES

Dates and times vary

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays at 3:30 p.m. *or by appointment; seasonal services*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (KINDERGARDEN - 8TH GRADE)

Sunday Classes 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)

Sunday Classes 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM / EL SACRAMENTO DE BAUTISMO

Please call the Parish Office for more information. English baptisms normally are held on the 2nd Saturday of the month at noon, Spanish Baptisms on the 3rd Saturday of the month at noon. / Por favor llame a la Parroquia para mas información. Normalmente, los bautismos están celebrando los tercer Sabado cada mes al mediodía.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY MATRIMONY (MARRIAGE) / EL SACRAMENTO DEL MATRIMONIO

Please call the office before setting a date for your wedding. The diocese requires a six month preparation prior to the wedding. / Las parejas pueden llamar a la oficina antes de poner una fecha para su boda o de hacer otros compromisos. La Diócesis de requiera un tiempo de preparación de un mínimo de seis meses entre la boda.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK / (UNCIÓN) DE LOS ENFERMOS

Call the Office if you know of someone in need of the Sacrament. / Contacte la Parroquia si alguien en su familia necesita el Sacramento.

FUNERALS / FUNERALES

Contact the Parish Office before placing any obituary notices.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP / ASOCIACIÓN DE PARROQUIA

Registration Forms are located in the Parish Office or in Church. / Las formas de inscripción pueden ser encontrado en la oficina.

May 23-24, 2026: Pentecost Sunday

PENTECOST SUNDAY

MAY 23-24, 2026



Readings from this week's Mass can be found in #921 of the Journey songs Book

Monday (The BVM, Mother of the Church) May 25

9:15 A.M. Communion Service

Tuesday (St. Philip Neri) May 26

9:15 A.M. Communion Service

Wednesday (St. Augustine of Cant.) May 27

9:15 A.M. † Most Rev. John Manz

Thursday (8th Week in Ordinary Time) May 28

9:15 A.M. † Deceased Former Pastors

Friday (St. Paul VI) May 29

9:15 A.M. All Our Benefactors

7:00 P.M. Cronk & Cosenza Families

Saturday May 30

2:00 P.M. WEDDING - RUBEN AGUILAR & REGAN JENSEN

4:00 P.M. FR. PETE'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY MASS

Sunday (TRINITY SUNDAY) May 31

10:30 A.M. Donald & Zaira Jankowski

12:00 P.M. † Bruno & Anastasia Szczepanski

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May 10-11, 2026 \$3,497.00

PLEASE REMEMBER – WE NEED TO COLLECT
\$3,000 A WEEK TO MAINTAIN OUR BUDGET
WE ALSO NEED TO REBUILD OUR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND – ANYTHING YOU CAN DO WILL HELP!

PLEASE REMEMBER ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH
IN YOUR WILL OR ESTATE PLANNING!!!

COLLECTION COUNTERS:

May 24, 2026

May 31, 2026

B. & M.J. Boicken

D. & C. Bramer

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER If you know of someone who is sick and in need of the sacraments or wishes a visit at a care facility, please contact the parish office at ☎ (815) 685-1359.



ST. PATRICK'S PRAYER LINE:

Please call Janice Gelino at
☎ (815) 263-6342

SANCTUARY CANDLE:

To Dedicate a Candle for a Loved One, please call the office at ☎ (815) 472-2864.



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Saturday, May 30 (Fr. Pete) 4:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Minister: M.J. Boicken

Lector: G. Hess

Ushers: K. Bukowski, R. Hess

D. Rademacher, S. Pansa

Altar Servers: A. Fuhrmann

Sunday, May 31 (Fr. Pete) 10:30 a.m.

Eucharistic Minister: B. Volek

Lector: L. Meyer

Ushers: M. Dionne, J. Riemenschneider

Altar Servers: M. Facko

Sunday, May 31 (Fr. Pete) 12:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Minister: R. Andrade, E. Zagal

Lector: P. Caro, N. Viveros

Ushers: C. Dueñas, L. Flores

F. Franco, F. Nelson M. Torres

Altar Servers: L. Flores, A. Flores, K. Flores



Thanks to Robert Piquet and his family from Vista Painting who repaired our St. Patrick's Church Walls and repaired our kitchen ceiling. To contact them, e-mail rob.vistapainting@gmail.com or call them at phone ☎ (815) 272-3455.



NEWS & NOTES

FROM FR. PETE JANKOWSKI

Join Fr. Pete's mailing list at pjankowski@yahoo.com.

By the time we reach Pentecost Sunday, St. Patrick's Church should be the recipient of a Brand-New Parking Lot! Thanks to Kyle Volek finding us a reasonable paver and a few wonderful donors, we were able to do what had not been done before at St. Patrick's – provide an upgraded parking area that extends from Washington St. to Second Ave., including the alleyways! We are so thankful to Mayor Chuck Steele, Police Chief Patrick Siemsen and Ted Peterson for helping us with this project – we not only were able to upgrade the parking lot but we also were able to beautify the neighborhood as well!

We did so well that Jackie Bruhn from St. Anne's asked if she could look into doing the same for the other Border Town Parish. Our paver made a visit to this parish as well to work details out with Jackie – hopefully that project will be as successful as the one at St. Pat's!

If you think about what we have been able to accomplish at both parishes just this last year alone, we have upgraded our air conditioning systems in both churches, purchased chairs for both halls, acquired generators for the entire St. Patrick Campus, (as well as installing rectory windows, a new kitchenette in the gym, etc. We have done really well, all in all!

I also have received wonderful cards at both parishes, thanking us for extending a "welcome" to those who felt "left out" in some ways in the area. I keep stressing that from holding the door open for people to warmly receiving those who enter our houses, the manner in which we greet and treat people reflects what kind of people we actually are. When we are welcoming and loving, a smile and a

kind word go a long way! I felt honored to hold that door open on St. Anne's Day for our visitors at the parishes – many were so grateful that we made that effort to make them feel at home!

Maria Jankowski also keeps reminding me that June 1st marks my thirtieth year as a Catholic priest. The picture you see was from my ordination class – there were three of us ordained and I'm the one that is left. Serving as a priest is like any vocation – some take advantage of you and some welcome you. Letters are written, both pro and con, concerning your ministry. I have written a few letters as well. The key to all of this is to stay focused on God, to "shut out the noise of sin" if you can, and to keep focused on how we get to heaven, by loving our God and loving our neighbor.



I think Maria wanted to honor my father, who passed away in 2021 by celebrating with me on this special occasion. With this in mind, Maria would like to join us at Mass at St. Pat's Church on May 30th at 4:00 p.m. and then have something

small in the parish hall afterwards. Because my 25th Anniversary was during the tail end of COVID, I think she wanted to have a different type of celebration to celebrate the priesthood and religious life. I decided this is a good idea – we have to celebrate this ministry – as St. John Vianney once said, without the priest there are no sacraments and without the sacraments, there is no parish.

I very much thank those who have understood what we have been trying to do these last few years. The more we welcome the outsider, the more we bring in our young families to join our "seasoned veterans," the more souls are in line to reach heaven and the healthier a parish becomes. Feel free to join us at St. Patrick's on May 30th – we would be blessed to have you!



A Gift for All People of All Times

ANN M. GARRIDO

When reading aloud today's passage from **Acts of the Apostles**, do you stumble over the names of **the peoples gathered as I do?** "Parthians, Medes, and Elamites." Where is "Cappadocia, Phrygia, and Pamphylia"? And why were all these peoples in Jerusalem in the first place?

It might help to know that Pentecost did not originate as a Christian feast. There are three pilgrimage festivals that drew Jews from across the Mediterranean region to Jerusalem. Sukkot celebrates the fall harvest and God's protection during the exodus from Egypt. Two are in the spring: Passover, the Feast of the Unleavened Bread, recalling the night the Jews were freed from enslavement in Egypt; and Shavuot, or *Pentecost* in Greek, remembering the giving of God's law on Mount Sinai.

The scene described in Acts echoes the story at Mount Sinai. The peoples who gathered outside the house in Jerusalem represent the breadth and diversity of peoples known at that time, and not just at that time. Some of the civilizations mentioned had not existed for hundreds of years. The book of Acts wants us to know that the gift of the Holy Spirit was an event of such significance that somehow *all* were mysteriously present—not just those of times gone by, but even we who live in such far-away, hard-to-pronounce places as Islamabad or Albuquerque. Today, we celebrate a gift that transcends time and geography. A gift that continues to draw all of us together in wonder and awe. ●



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Reflect

*Do I often remember that the Church encompasses people of every nation:
those gone before us and those to come?*



[The Jews] were astounded, and in amazement they asked, "Are not all these people who are speaking Galileans? Then how does each of us hear them in his own native language?"

ACTS 2:7–8

Dear Padre,

I am a senior Catholic woman. All my life, I have waited for the Church to welcome women as priests. I have volunteered with numerous faiths over the years and have worked with pastors and rabbis who are women. Why does the Catholic Church not recognize that women have callings to the priesthood?

My answer will probably not be acceptable to you, and it might even make you a little more frustrated and perhaps even discouraged. The understanding of the Church is that the call to priesthood is not based on merit. If it were based on merit, and that was the single important criterion, your question might be phrased in a different way. I will let you imagine what that might be!

The tradition, practice, and discipline of the Church continues to insist that the call to ordained priesthood requires the respondent to be male. Any explanation beyond this simple statement would be strained and of little use. We are aware of the traditions that are practiced in other Christian denominations. We are probably aware of the Roman Catholic theology of priesthood that is offered in support of the practice. We can probably offer example after example in support or in disagreement of the practice. None of it matters when it comes up against the hard truth of the tradition, practice, and discipline: the priesthood requires a baptized male for validity. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org



CARDOS DANIEL / CATHOPIC

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

At Pentecost, the apostles spoke the languages of those they met, and the confusion of Babel was finally resolved by the harmony brought about by the Spirit. Whenever God's "breath" unites our hearts and makes us view others as our brothers and sisters, differences no longer become an occasion for division and conflict.

HOMILY, ROME, JUNE 8, 2025

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

Monday

May 25

The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

Gn 3:9–15, 20 or
Acts 1:12–14
Jn 19:25–34

Tuesday

May 26

St. Philip Neri, Priest
1 Pt 1:10–16
Mk 10:28–31

Wednesday

May 27

Weekday
1 Pt 1:18–25
Mk 10:32–45

Thursday

May 28

Weekday
1 Pt 2:2–5, 9–12
Mk 10:46–52

Friday

May 29

Weekday
1 Pt 4:7–13
Mk 11:11–26

Saturday

May 30

Weekday
Jude 17, 20b–25
Mk 11:27–33

Sunday

May 31

The Most Holy Trinity
Ex 34:4b–6, 8–9
2 Cor 13:11–13
Jn 3:16–18

A great of the time, I speak to our communities about the "finance" aspects of our parish, which is why, at St. Patrick's, our debt has been reduced by over a third in the last three years (the debt is down to \$174,000 because of the parishioner's generosity). That said, we also need to talk about "Time" and "Talent." There are a good number of souls at our parish who offer wonderful ministries that we need to utilize more. Robert Piquet has offered his painting services for the benefit of St. Anne's Chapel and St. Patrick's rectory and gymnasium. Aurelio Serna and wife Ruth Gomez are professional cleaners who have offered wonderful ministries at both parishes. Maria Saldana has been volunteering her services to clean both rectories twice a month. Perhaps we can save money by using the resources we have rather than outsourcing these tasks to companies (while very good) who are very costly.

If you have a talent you would like to offer the parish, please call St. Anne's at ☎ (815) 427-8265 or St. Patrick's at ☎ (815) 472-2864. If we have any major projects that are taking place at the parish, please pass them through me so that we can utilize the wonderful resources we have at the parish.

So many good souls wish to help; let us utilize what we have for the benefit of both parishes. - Fr. Pete.



Gran parte del tiempo, Yo, hablo a nuestras comunidades de finanzas sobre los aspectos "financieros" de nuestra parroquia, por lo que, cual es el camino para

bajar la deuda en San Patricio, nuestra deuda se ha reducido en más de un tercio en los últimos tres años (la deuda se ha reducido a \$ 174,000 debido a la generosidad de los feligreses). Dicho esto, también tenemos que hablar de "Tiempo" y "Talento". Hay un buen número de generosas almas en nuestra parroquia que ofrecen ministerios maravillosos que necesitamos utilizar más. "Robert Piquet ha ofrecido sus servicios de pintura en beneficio de la Capilla de Santa Anee, la rectoría y gimnasio de San Patricio. Maurilio Serna y su esposa Ruth Montoya son limpiadores profesionales que han ofrecido ministerios maravillosos en ambas parroquias. María Saldaña ha estado ofreciendo sus servicios como voluntaria para limpiar ambas rectorías dos veces al mes., La familia de José Ismael Ramírez ofreciendo limpiar la Iglesia. Tal vez podamos ahorrar dinero utilizando los recursos que tenemos en lugar de externalizar estas tareas a empresas (aunque son buenas) también son muy costosas.

Si tiene un talento que le gustaría ofrecer a la parroquia, llame a St. Patrick's al ☎ (815) 472-2864 o al St. Anne's al ☎ (815) 427-8265. Si tenemos algún proyecto importante que estaremos llevando a cabo en la parroquia para ayudarnos, por favor páselo a través de mí para que podamos utilizar los maravillosos recursos que tenemos en la parroquia. Hay tantas almas buenas que desean ayudar; Utilicemos lo que tenemos para el beneficio de ambas parroquias. - P. Pete.

23-24 Mayo 2026: La Solemnidad de Pentecostés

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

El día 9 de junio del año 1597, falleció el jesuita José de Anchieta proveniente de las Islas Canarias, España. Este santo "apóstol de Brasil" fue beatificado en 1980 gracias a sus grandes esfuerzos humanitarios, literarios y evangelizadores en Brasil. Llegó a Brasil en 1553 donde aprendió Tupí, el idioma de los nativos. Enseñaba a los indígenas, evangelizándolos con la doctrina cristiana y educándolos en historia, filosofía y medicina.

Eventualmente fundó el colegio jesuita de Sao Paulo de Piratininga donde tuvo la audacia de educar, junto a los hijos de los nativos, los hijos de los portugueses. Para este esfuerzo escribió muchos libros y manuales, cosa que le mereció ser el primer escritor en Brasil.

Además de ser un escritor prolífico, este misionero dedicó su vida a predicar el Evangelio en Brasil, país que cruzó a pie, fundando pueblos y escuelas para los indígenas cristianos. Estos le llamaban el "santo volador" por la velocidad con que caminaba. Su celo por el Evangelio lo motivaba a seguir caminando. Como dice el profeta Isaías: "Que hermosos son los pies del que trae buenas nuevas" (Isaías 52:7).

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ENVIA TU ESPÍRITU

La semana pasada oímos que después de la Ascensión, los discípulos, María y otros seguidores del Señor se retiraron al piso alto donde perseveraron unánimes en la oración. Esta semana escu-

LAS MISAS EN ESPAÑOL

12:00 p.m. los Domingos (San Patricio)

7:00 p.m. los Viernes (San Patricio)

ROSARIO & CATECISMO

Todos los Viernes a las 6:30 p.m.

La Parroquia de San Patricio

chamos que, mientras estaban en oración allí, el Espíritu Santo vino sobre ellos. La promesa de Jesús, luego de su Resurrección que el Evangelio de hoy relata, se cumple: el poder del Espíritu Santo viene sobre los seguidores de Jesús. San Pablo nos dice que a todos nosotros, de alguna manera, se nos dan los dones del Espíritu Santo, dones que se pueden usar para anunciar la Buena Nueva. Hoy es una de las más grandes fiestas de la Iglesia.

Llevemos con nosotros el estribillo del salmo responsorial: "Envía tu Espíritu, Señor, y repuebla la faz de la tierra!" (Salmo 104:30). Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera Lectura - Quedaron llenos del Espíritu Santo y se pusieron a hablar idiomas distintos (Hechos 2: 1-11).

Salmo - Envía, Señor, tu Espíritu, y renueva la tierra (Salmo 104(103)).

Segunda Lectura - Hay diferentes dones, pero el Espíritu es el mismo (1 Corintios 12: 3b-7, 12-13).

Evangelio - Así como el Padre me envió a mí, así yo los envío a ustedes (Juan 20: 19-23).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Gen 3: 9-15, 20; Sal 87; Jn 19: 25-34

Martes: 1 Pe 1: 10-16; Sal 98; Mc 10: 28-31

Miércoles: 1 Pe 1: 16-25; Sal 147: 12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Mc 10: 32-45

Jueves: 1 Pe 2L 2-5, 9-12; Sal 100; Mc 10: 46-52

Viernes: 1 Pe 4: 4-13; Sal 96; Mc 11: 11-26

Sábado: Ju 17: 20b-25; Sal 63; Mc 11: 27-33

Domingo: Ex 34: 4b-6, 8-9; Dn 3: 52-55; 2 Cor 13: 11-13; Jn 3: 16-18



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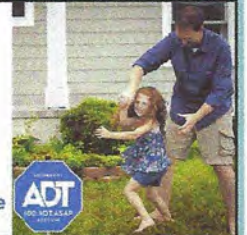
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