

The Shamrock



February Calendar

Sundays	9 am Christian Education 10 am Worship service Nursery Available
Wednesdays	11:30 am Healing service 12 Noon Bible study
Thursdays	10 am - 2 pm Food boxes 2 pm Prayer quilters 4 pm Choir rehearsal
2/10	Pot Luck Dinner 6 pm
2/13	ECW, 1 pm
2/15-17	Mammogram trip to Santa Fe
2/18	Men's Fellowship, 8:30 am
2/19	Vestry Meeting, 11:30 am
2/21	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, 6 pm, Parish Hall
2/22	Ash Wednesday Svc, 11:30 am Ash Wednesday Svc, 6 pm
2/24	Shamrock Quilt Workshop Stations of the Cross, 5 pm
2/23	Loaves & Fishes Visit from Jubilee Ministries Colorado Diocese, Becky Jones

From the Pulpit

Dear Friends in Christ:

The following was written as part of my annual report. I think you know that 2011 was a very good year for St. Patrick's Episcopal Church. We had great programs and did remarkable outreach. Many of you told me that this was a year of significant spiritual growth for you, to which I say, "Amen." I am always curious as to how those outside our parish perceive our Sunday morning worship. Here is the opinion of one visitor, who also happened to be a professional church reviewer. So here goes.



[Editor's Note: The following can also be found in the Annual Report]:

As some of you know, we had a "church reviewer" visit our church last year and post his review online. This is a web site that reviews churches of all types of denominations from around the world in much the same way that restaurants are reviewed. I don't think he got it all absolutely correct, but still I found it very helpful to see the remarks of someone from outside our congregation and community who visits a large number of churches every year.

You should know that, first of all, he was quite fond of my sermon, giving it high remarks. I will not quote him on that subject; enough said. *[Editor's Comment: You rock, Doug!]* Second, I want to say that he gave wonderful praise to our organist. I will brag on her a little bit:

Which part of the service was like being in heaven? The organist, Sally Neel, played with a high degree of professionalism and drew wonderful sound out of her little electronic instrument. The hymns were old standards for the most part, and she knew just how to pace them and phrase them to emphasize the meaning of the words.

But the main focus must be on you. He was quite impressed with the attentiveness and friendliness of everyone attending that Sunday:

On their website they say that the folks at St. Patrick's are "a church that loves to eat." Refreshments were served in the adjoining parish hall, a rustic log cabin type building. Coffee was hot and delicious, and served in ceramic mugs. There were also cookies and a cake to celebrate the service of a church member who was stepping down from a ministry in which she had long served. ***People continued to come up to me to say hello and to introduce me to others. Out in the parking lot, as we were all leaving, one lady bade me good-bye by name; I was flattered that she remembered.*** (emphasis mine)

On a scale of 0 – 10 asking if he would make this church his home, he remarked:

9 - This would be my church for sure if I lived in the area. ***It is a warm, friendly, active congregation who seem like they really mean it.*** (emphasis mine)

He ended by saying "yes," that the service made him feel glad to be a Christian.

WOW! This is what I thought was happening on Sunday mornings, but I am thrilled to have it confirmed. Bravo to the entire parish!

A Pagosa Pilgrim,
Fr. Doug

From the Senior Warden...

It's a new year! 2011 certainly was one of the best years in St. Patrick's evolution to carry out our Lord's mission. If you were unable to attend the Annual Meeting please pick up the 2011 Annual and peruse it. If you are unable to pick one up yourself please contact Charlotte by phone or e-mail and ask her to forward a copy to you.

Besides reporting on 2011 activities the Annual Meeting passed a series of amendments to the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws that clarified the role of the Endowment Committee and custody and use of the endowment monies, in aggregate nearly \$150,000. We also amended the By-Laws to provide that the Chairman of the Outreach Committee be a member of the Finance Committee. We then discussed the Budget for 2012, another challenging year because we chose to restore/increase wages for Fr. Doug and our staff.

Finally we elected new members to the Vestry. St. Patrick's has been blessed with excellent Vestry members in the past and I expect that the "new" Vestry will be no different. I will again serve as Senior Warden. Tom Cruse was elected to be Jr. Warden, Lynne McCrudden will serve out the remaining yr of an existing vacancy; Chuck Bankhead will serve the remaining two yrs of Tom Cruse's Vestry term; Jim Dorian will serve the remaining two yrs of Sally High's term and Frank Meiner was re-elected as the representative of the summer Associates. Wes Arrighetti, Siri Schuchardt, and Jeff Schaupp were elected to regular 3 yr terms. Barbara Ward, Ron Jyleen and Hank Williams continue their terms on the Vestry.

The Vestry are your representatives and are there to serve you as well as carryout the mission of St. Patrick's. If you at anytime have questions, concerns or ideas on how things can be done better, please do not hesitate to contact any one of the above, or Fr. Doug.

God's Blessings to each and everone of you.

"Let the same mind be in you as was in Christ Jesus". Phillipians 2:4

Jim Vierbicher, Senior Warden



February Celebrations

Birthdays & Anniversaries

2	Rhead Kay
8	Hank Williams
10	Sue Gottschalk
16	Mary Bailly
18	Michael McCrudden
	Cheryl & Allen Staggers
23	Marcie Lewis
24	Charlotte Ann Jones
26	Julie Greenly
27	Janelle Pendleton
28	Joyce Ramberg

With warm congratulations and blessings for the next year!

Outreach Update...

The Outreach Ministry lead will change in February as I take on my new responsibilities as the Jr. Warden. My Annual Report summary, read for me by Katherine, contains many thanks to all who contributed so much in leadership and time last year. That report follows:

Fund raising projects contributed a record amount of funds to Outreach:

- The Shamrock Festival raised \$9,000
- The Quilt Raffle raised \$5,000
- The ECW Tea Party and Cookie Sale raised the funds for the 2012 Quilt material
- The first-time Men's raffle - the Rifle Raffle raised \$5,000

100% of these funds are committed to community outreach programs, details are in Tom's annual report

Thanks go primarily to the Festival Chair, Lynne McCrudden, the quilters led by Joan Scott, and David and Bonnie Brooks for the Rifle Raffle - supported by most every member of this Parish.

The Clothing Giveaway is a non-cash outreach effort that touches so many lives in Pagosa - both those who bring clothes to St. Patrick's and those who come on that special day

Over 400 persons came on that day to find clothing they needed. Over 2 tons, it is estimated, of clothing were taken that day.

While many of us received the gift of time spent helping with this giveaway, credit goes to the co-leads Patty Bankhead and Bette Allen. Thanks to you both! applause requested

Loaves and Fishes, the weekly free lunch held at the Catholic Church Parish Hall downtown is an outreach ministry started by folks from this Parish. Over 3,000 meals were served by St. Patrick's in 2011.

Our members, led by Bill and Nancy Crouse year-round, and Muriel Cronkite at Thanksgiving along with several outstanding St. Patrick's chefs have done an outstanding job for another year, thanks to all of them and to our diligent servers!

The most substantial outreach program in terms of expense and ongoing effort is our Food Pantry.

Over 900 food boxes were given out to families and individuals totally over 1500 adults and 550 children. Expenditures and income were nearly balanced at a bit over \$16,000 for the year. Of the income, \$4,500 came from two foundations, \$6,500 from the key Outreach Fund Raiser projects mentioned above, and over \$4,500 came from individual financial gifts.

Thanks go to Sue Gottschalk and Nancy Williams whose weekly presence for a year and a half have built real relationships with a number of the recipients, also to Chuck Bankhead and Bill Gottschalk for backing up Tom on food ordering and stocking last year. To Erica and Mark Devoti for faithfully preparing the first 20 boxes each week, and of course to our weekly volunteers who now support Sue & Nancy each week staffing the four hour session.

The Pagosa Outreach Connection, also known as the POC, is a voluntary association of about 20 local organizations, most of which are faith-based organizations but includes others such as the LPEA Round-Up program.

Each week, the County Social Services office brings applications for generally one-time emergency financial needs of individuals and families for such items as utility bills, transportation for medical treatments, rent payments, and many other needs. The recipients are reviewed to assure the needs are really valid and not ongoing problems the POC cannot address.

Last year, St. Patrick's contributed over \$4,000 to POC grants, funds which come from individual gifts designated to the bookkeeper as being for the POC or come from our Outreach fund raising. Last year, the Shamrock Festival contributed \$1,500 to POC support. Fr. Doug is our official representative although Tom, Becky Dorian or Rudy Sapper represent us as needed. Thanks for representing us at the POC!

Tom Cruse

Highlights this month - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner on February 21 with Ash Wednesday services at noon and 6 pm the next day, February 22. New Vestry and Jr. Warden elected - see Jim Vierbicher's report. Training sessions planned for new Eucharistic Visitors and Lay Eucharistic Ministers on February 11 - see last article. Think what evangelism means to you; to me it is hospitality, discipleship, and witnessing.

Men's Fellowship Update...

The men met on January 21 to share a Southwest Savory breakfast and updates on various activities and personal plans. The calendar was reviewed with particular attention given to the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner that Bill Newell and Ken Jones prepare.

The dinner is \$5 per person and starts at 6 pm on the 21st of February. We plan to use up as much rich food materials as we can prior to Ash Wednesday and hope many join us for this annual event that provides funds for Men's Fellowship projects. Members and friends of St. Patricks as well as folks from the community are invited to attend.

We also made plans to have a dinner at Boss Hoggs on 15 February at 6 pm in recognition that at least some of us will have wives attending to the annual sojourn to Santa Fe NM for mammograms and Trader Joe shopping! All are invited to attend.

Tom Cruse

Episcopal Church Women...

ECW has a busy year planned for 2012, and we invite all of the women of St. Patrick's to join us and get involved. ECW meets on the 2nd Monday of each month, usually in Parish Hall at 1pm. Hostesses are needed for these meetings, which can also be held in the home. Please see Joanne Ferko or Sharon Vierbicher to sign up as a hostess. One of our many projects involves being a Kitchen Angel for a month – keeping the kitchen clean and supplied with items as needed. See the sign-up sheet and list of duties in the kitchen. We look forward to seeing you at the meetings.

Sharon Vierbicher

Missionary Report from the Dominican Republic...

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Dear Partners in Mission,

Our Bible study has been working on the book of Daniel, recently covering the infamous visit to the lion's den. While we talked of many things in this chapter, the image of God closing the mouths of the lions while Daniel spent the night there has stuck with me. We have different lions that attack us in our daily lives and for me there are a variety of situational lions that crop up to frustrate me here. Our need for new staff has been present since my return but it was determined to wait to start training them until January, given the annual slowdown in this country around Christmas, and finances.

These new folks have yet to be hired for me to train. Time to interview them was recently arranged but the calls to the applicants were made at the last minute and only 1 was scheduled for the two positions we are looking for. God was good and had me learn this information when I was at home rather than in the clinic, or I'd have become a lion myself to the individual who waited so long to do her task.

Earlier that day I learned that in order to change some fluorescent light bulbs, we have to have an electrician come in. We've been waiting two months for this to happen. Please pray with me that God controls my lion's mouth as these situational issues arise and that God helps me to trust that God is in control of these situations just as God controlled those lions for Daniel.

February 19th is the last Sunday in Epiphany and is celebrated by many as Mission's Sunday. Please join with me and others praying for missionaries serving our Lord around the world.

May God bless and guide you in all you do!

Cathy Donahoe

Quilt Workshops in January, February...

The Prayer Quilt Ministry is looking for a few good quilters, and some of them attended a workshop on Saturday, January 14. About 15 women attended, both experienced quilters and 'newbies'. The Parish Hall was filled with tables and sewing machines and ironing boards. Nancy Crouse talked about color choices.

Joan Scott demonstrated the proper way to iron pieces after they are stitched together (not as easy as you might think). Lynne McCrudden and Sharon Vierbicher brought lunch for everyone. The participants each made a single square, edged with a border and with a cross on the back, just like the prayer quilts we bless on Sundays. At lunchtime the women discussed possible patterns and colors for this year's Shamrock Quilt.

The Shamrock Quilt will be pieced at the Parish Hall in just two days, on Friday and Saturday, February 24 and 25. Quilters and non-quilters can all help. Those of us who can't sew a straight seam can iron fabric. Or we can support the quilters and the project by preparing lunch or cleaning up the kitchen.

Linda Warren has said that when we made the first Shamrock Quilt in 2004, "We didn't know what we were doing." That's probably an exaggeration, but some of us certainly know more now. The Shamrock Quilt raffle earns money that we give back to the local community. Consider being a part of the project. Contact Joan Scott if you are interested or want more information.

Katherine Cruse

Training Planned...

A training session has been scheduled for Saturday, February 11, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for those wishing to be Eucharistic Visitor (EV). A second class is Saturday, February 11, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. for those who are or wish to be Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEM). In the Episcopal Church both Eucharistic Visitors and Lay Eucharistic Ministers require training and licensing.

Eucharistic Visitor

The Eucharistic Visitor is authorized to take the Consecrated Elements in a timely manner following a Celebration of Holy Eucharist to members of the congregation who, by reason of illness or infirmity, were unable to be present at the Celebration. He or she should demonstrate an understanding of and respect for the Eucharistic practices of the church and be comfortable praying with others.

The Eucharistic Visitor is a confirmed communicant in good standing who functions with the permission of the Bishop and should normally act under the direction

of a Deacon, if any, or otherwise, the congregation's Rector.

Once licensed, the Eucharistic Visitor functions solely at the discretion of the Rector and is licensed only in the congregation in which the Eucharistic Visitor is a member at the time of licensing.

The Eucharistic Visitor, under the direction of the Rector, will pursue continuing education.

Lay Eucharistic Minister

The Lay Eucharistic Minister assists the Rector in administering the Consecrated Elements in the Celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

If you have any questions, please contact Ron Jyleen (264-0425/582-0071) or call the office.

Thanks to those serving in 2011!

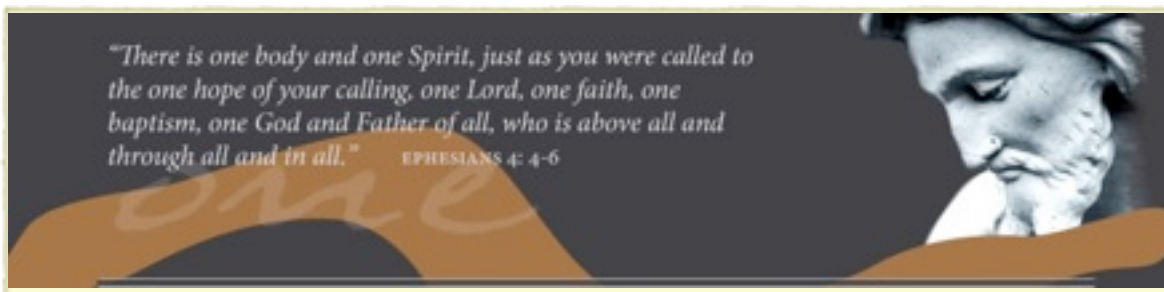
Rev. Doug Neel	Rector
Dinah Rogers	Clerk
Jim Vierbicher	Sr. Warden/Finance
Lynne McCrudden	Jr. Warden/Admin, ECW Liaison, Shamrock Festival
Tom Cruse	Outreach, Bylaws Review, Men's Fellowship Liaison
Becky Dorian	Evangelism/Welcoming, P.R.
Sally High	Youth/Young Families
Ron Jyleen	Worship Ministries
Frank Meiners	Associate Members
Rudy Sapper	Programs/Finance, Audit
Jeff Schaupp	Buildings & Grounds
Barbara Ward	Fellowship/Spirit.Growth
Hank Williams	Treasurer

Deadline for the March Shamrock Newsletter is Wednesday, February 21.

Please email articles to newsletter@stpatrickspagosa.org

**Sunday Worship Schedule**

February 5		
Chalice:		Linda Warren & Ron Jyleen
Lector:		Katherine Cruse
Ushers:		Jim & Beck Dorian
Greeter:		Linda Altman
February 12		
Chalice:		Charlotte & Ken Jones
Lector:		Muriel Cronkite
Ushers:		Bill & Nancy Crouse
Greeter:		Charlotte Jones
February 19		
Chalice:		Charlotte & Ken Jones
Lector:		Joanne Ferko
Ushers:		Kenny Rogers & Don McLeod
Greeter:		Carl & Elizabeth Fischer
February 22		
Chalice:		Ron Jyleen & Bill Crouse
Lector:		Ron Jyleen
Ushers:		Charlotte & Ken Jones
Greeter:		Tom Cruse
February 26		
Chalice:		Tom Thorpe & Tom Cruse
Lector:		Michael McCrudden
Ushers:		Rudy Sapper & Joan Scott
Greeter:		Connie O'Donnell





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St. Patrick's is God's House, open to all: a Community called to love and serve the Lord by God's grace with joy and gratitude.



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