



THE SHAMROCK

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church

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Mission Statement

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.

FROM THE



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Within the first two weeks of moving here, I bought a Colorado fishing license. It wasn't at the very top of my priority list, but it probably made the top five. Then I went to the Recreation Center and bought a Pagosa Lakes license. My next stop was one of the four Pagosa fly shops. Isn't it wonderful that we have four fly fishing

stores for a community of 14,000? This speaks to me of a community with right priorities.

Anyway, after buying all this stuff, I threw fly rod, reel, vest, waders and boots into my truck and headed downtown to the San Juan to catch fish. And I did! My first Colorado trout was a fat rainbow that was nineteen to twenty inches in length. And I caught it right behind the Malt Shoppe, on Highway 160. Pagosa is a great place to live!!!

First and foremost, fishing is about catching fish. An angler does the things he or she does for that reason. And, in all honesty, I like fishing, but I really love catching. But fishing can be much more. At the very least, it is fun and relaxing. It can also be a spiritual experience, a way to meet God. I cannot tell you how many times I have met God "the Creator" while releasing a beautiful, red, silver and green trout back into a river and watching it dart back into the current.

Jesus enjoyed "hanging out" with fishermen. He may have grown up as a carpenter in a farming community, but before he started his ministry, he moved to Capernaum on the Sea of Galilee, a community based on commercial fishing. Scriptures tell us that he went fishing with his new friends, but mainly he slept on the boat or would point out where they should cast their nets. Maybe they let him clean the fish at the end of the day. He certainly knew how to cook them over a fire on the

beach. During that time, outdoor cooks usually rubbed their chunks of fish fillet with olive oil and a little salt, wrapped them in wet fig leaves, and cooked them in the coals.

Jesus also used fishing as a metaphor. "Fish for People," he said. The original evangelical anglers were the disciples. But it soon became clear that all the followers of Jesus – we use the word "Christians" – were to fish for people. Using our own prayer book for the service of Holy Baptism, each and every one of us promises to do this very thing: proclaim by work and example the Good News of God in Christ. This is not the ministry of religious professionals, but the responsibility of all of us.

So how do we "fish for people?" Continuing the metaphor, we use nets, bait, and flies. We ask our neighbors and friends to come to church with us. We share our own experience of Christ in our lives. We reach out to neighbors who need our help and presence. Come to think of it, the summer is a great time for all of us to do a little fishing...and you don't even need a license.

Your Pagosa Pilgrim,
Fr. Doug

Thanks
for your
participation

Thank you in May....to Charlene Short and all those who attended the Legacy Society dinner/meeting; to the Vestry who attended the Vestry Workshop with Lou Blanchard and the ECW for providing the Workshop lunches to all attendees; to Sally High and all who planned and participated in the Youth Group trip to Chimney Rock; to everyone who supported the fabulous Tony Saladino Concert, and thanks to Tony for doing this wonderful benefit to St., Patrick's; to Sharon Vierbicher, the ECW and the Men's Fellowship for their hard work getting the Library cleared out and cleaned up; to Mary Sickbert and

Connie O'Donnell for doing a wonderful training workshop on "Safeguarding God's Children" for St. Patrick's and for people from other local organizations; to Don and Teri Sullivan for hosting a very special Potluck dinner at their home to celebrate Fr. Doug's 25th Ordination Anniversary and his ?? birthday; to Sally Neel and John Gwin for a wonderful "Music and Meditation" meeting of Spiritus; to Ken Rogers and Bob Pohly who planned and set up the Men's Steak and Stein dinner and guest speaker; thanks to all who baked wonderful goodies for the ECW Bake Sale and helped to work the booth at City Market, to all who worked hard at our work day at the community Loaves and Fishes lunch; a special thanks to Dick Boblit who spent an entire day mowing, got the sprinklers going, and to all the men who did the Spring clean-up of the church grounds; thanks to Teri Sullivan who researched and is getting our church T-shirts project off the ground; to Muriel and Suzie for hosting a wonderful baby shower for Wendy; thanks to everyone who participated, planned and did preparation for Fr. Doug's Installation Service and Reception with Bishop O'Neill ...and, to all at St. Patrick's who so faithfully continue to "love and serve the Lord."



Pot Luck Supper

"Claws for a Cause"

The May Potluck was a celebration of Fr. Doug's 25th Ordination Anniversary and his birthday. Don and Teri Sullivan hosted the event at their home.

The June Potluck will be on Saturday, June 20 at 4 p.m. at the church. The event will be the 4th Annual Claws for a Cause to benefit Angel Eyes/SIDS of Colorado. Ken and Dinah Rogers will host the event. Place your orders prior to June 12, forms are on the table in the Narthex. Orders can be picked up on June 20 (1:00-2:00 p.m.) if you cannot attend the potluck.

Lobsters arrive alive from Boston and must be cooked on Saturday. If you are picking up lobsters to take home, please bring your own box. Hamburgers are frozen in packages and need to be taken home – not cooked for the dinner.

Sign up if you can attend the potluck, bring a dish to share and your own adult beverage. This is a fabulous dinner event, and it benefits a wonderful cause. If you have any questions, please call Ken and Dinah at 731-8339 or 731-5801.

A Note from the Junior Warden, Jim Viericher...
"We Can Do That"

My consulting firm worked with the Industrial Development Commission of a small city in western Wisconsin. It's

Chairman had a favorite saying whenever we would bring him a potential business prospect, usually with a list of conditions on which their coming to the city was contingent, "**We can do that!**", and usually they did. Needless to say, Prairie du Chien's business and industrial community flourished. It's now the home of a 950,000sf Cabella warehouse, of the first to be developed outside of their headquarters in Sydney, NE, together with its retail store, today it employs 750 people.

Earlier this month, I attended the Habitat for Humanity's annual Cam Colorado at Estes Park. Attendees were from Habitat International, 18 states and most of the affiliates here in Colorado. Archuleta County was represented by four Board members. As you might expect, the sessions were both informative and inspiring. Perhaps the most inspiring was an acceptance speech given at the Friday night Awards Banquet.

Candace Mayo, Executive Director of the Ft. Collins affiliate was recognized as the Executive Director of the Year. What a testimony she gave to the love, blessings and power of the Lord! Beginning from rather modest beginnings ten years ago, Ft. Collins now boasts a \$3,000,000 a year program. With story after story, she related how they had stepped into the unknown, trusting that they were about the Lord's work and that He would provide. "**We can do that!**"

Jesus tells his disciples in Matthew 17, "I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, Move from here to there, and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."

St. Patrick's faces many challenges, but...also opportunities, over the next several months and perhaps, couple of years. They will not be accomplished by a timid heart; they will not be accomplished by Fr. Doug alone, nor by the Wardens or Vestry. It will take all of us working together, contributing what we can, working as a team. We will be about the work of God's kingdom. He will not fail us. "**We can do that!**"



Loaves and Fishes

The 4th Thursday of each month is St. Patrick's day to host Loaves and Fishes. Volunteers are needed to cook, set-up, clean-up, serve, greet, etc. Please sign-up to help. This is a wonderful community service and a time when St. Patrick's can shine. Please join us **June 25th**, at the Parish Hall on Lewis Street for a wonderful day of service to others.



Food Pantry

Our church and others in town are being called upon more often than usual for food boxes because of the economy. Please bring a can or two of food or paper products and place them in the baskets provided in the Narthex. In this time of great need, let us work together to keep our food pantry well stocked.

Monetary donations are gladly accepted and we'll do the shopping! *Please be generous!*

Shamrock Deadline



The deadline for the June 2009 issue of the SHAMROCK will be Sunday, June 21, 2009. Please give your articles to Dinah, fax to 731-3189 or email to: echarlene@aol.com

Please endeavor to have your articles turned in no later than the Monday following the Sunday deadline. Having the articles timely helps get the Shamrock published without pushing a time crunch.

Thank you, Charlene



“Spiritus”

The June 20th Spiritus gathering has been canceled due to the SIDS Lobster Fest (Potluck Dinner) scheduled for the same day. However, please meet us on Saturday, July 18, at the church for a trip to Chimney Rock. John Gwin and Rudy Sapper, trained guides, will lead us on a tour of this ancient spiritual ground. All are welcomed to attend as we continue to explore the many facets of the Holy Spirit.

Thank you!

The Neel family thanks the many skilled cooks who supplied meals for them while Fr. Doug was convalescing from surgery. It was a great comfort not only to enjoy wonderful meals, but to know the love, generosity, and kindness that went into the preparation. We are blessed to be a part of such a caring community.

Thanks to Tony Saladino and his friends, D.C. Duncan and Anthony Chatman, for the fabulous Mother's Day concert they provided for us at St. Patrick's! The program provided about \$500.00 in contributions to the music program of the church. We are grateful for the beauty of the music and for Tony's generous gift of talent.

Thank you to Muriel Cronkhite and Suzie Reno for hosting a wonderful Baby Shower for Wendy Rockett. It was a fantastic occasion to celebrate a very special “coming” event. Thanks to all who attended to support Wendy as she, Jeff and Madison plan for this new arrival and, sadly, their moving back to Shreveport.



St. Patrick's Choir

St. Patrick's Choir will not rehearse on Thursday afternoons during the month of June in order to give our dedicated choir members a well-deserved break. However, we welcome all interested singers to join our summer choir at 9 a.m. on Sunday mornings to rehearse music for the service. The music will be easy enough to learn

quickly and fun to sing!

On Sunday, June 28, we will welcome Christine and Bryan MacNeill who will lead us in a service of contemporary praise music. Come and lend your voice to our joyful songs of praise!

St. Patrick's T-Shirts

The opportunity to purchase St. Patrick T-shirts will be available for a short time. Please see the website for details for ordering, or call Teri Sullivan at 970-731-2590, or write Teri at teri_sullivan@msn.com

Checks or money orders must be paid to St. Patrick's Church before the shirts will be ordered. Options include short or long sleeve styles. The shirts are 100% pre-shrunk cotton, Hanes Beefy T brand, ash gray (light gray), with green lettering. Logo choices are “St. Patrick's Church” on the back or a small logo over the heart on the front.

Both adult (S-XXL) and children sizes are available (XS-L). Adult shirts are \$10 for short sleeve; \$13 for long sleeve. Children sizes are \$8 and \$11.

Bring A Friend to Church

Sunday, July 26, is “bring a friend to church” day. Please consider bringing a friend – whether they have visited our church in the past or not. Immediately after church we will have a luncheon potluck. Let's show our friends our church, our faith, our fellowship, and how well Episcopal women and men can cook. St. Patrick's has it all!

Men's Fellowship - June Events

Saturday, June 13 - Breakfast Meeting at 8:30 a.m.

This meeting is to finalize the plans for staining the outside of the church and the parish hall. The staining is scheduled for Monday, June 15 through Thursday, June 18.

Sunday, June 14 - Power Washing the Church and Parish Hall

After church, we will be power washing the outside of the church and parish hall so that we can start the prep work for staining on Monday.

Monday, June 15 - Begin Staining the outside of the buildings

Volunteers from the Men's Fellowship will join Jeff Schaupp and his crew in prepping and staining the outside of the two buildings. Work will start early each day and will finish when the winds come up in the afternoon. Cars will need to be parked at the ends of our parking lots or in the hospital lot to avoid the drifting spray. Please contact Bob Pohly (731-3009 or 903-5200) before Saturday, June 13, to let him know if you can volunteer.

Saturday, June 20 - Lobster Day Potluck, 4 p.m.

Volunteers please plan to help set up tables and chairs at 2:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.



Directory Updates

New 2009 Directories are available (updated in March). Please be sure to pick up a copy from the table in the Narthex. Review your entry for any changes needed.

Rockett, Wendy, Jeff & Madison -
9755 Bramblewood Way
Bethany, LA 71009-9790
(318) 931-8170 - Wendy's Dad
(318) 349-2945 - Wendy's cell phone
(318) 349-2944 - Jeff's cell phone

Big Brothers - Big Sisters

Thanks St. Patrick's! You donated a total of \$1,600 to Big Brothers, Big Sisters at the Bowl for Kids' Sake!

ECW - July

Mark your calendars for Monday, July 13th at 5:30 p.m. for the dinner-meeting at Teri Sullivan's home (1464 South Pagosa Blvd.). Muriel Cronkhite, Becky Dorian, Teri, and Barbara Ward will host this meeting and they will prepare the dinner which will be served before the meeting.

Please sign-up in the church so we'll know how many to serve, or write to Teri at teri_sullivan@msn.com. The theme for the evening is Bastille Day with French cuisine. Come prepared to nibble on bread and cheese while drinking your wine or iced tea. We'll enjoy a short social hour before the dinner is served.

The evening should be festive and all women of St. Patrick's Church are invited. Please join us for this special evening.

Please note: No ECW meeting in June.

Sunday Night Unplugged

June 28th is scheduled for our next Sunday Night Unplugged. The venue is St. Patrick's Church at 6 p.m. The music scheduled will be announced in the Bulletin.

Shamrock Quilt

This year, our beautiful Shamrock Raffle Quilt is featured on the homepage of St. Patrick's website, www.stpatrickspagosa.org. All proceeds from the quilt raffle will go to Archuleta County non-profit organizations. With this year's dismal economy, it is essential that St. Patrick's continue our financial support for organizations in our community.

The queen-sized quilt with matching pillow shams is made of 100% cotton batik material and is fittingly called "Colorado Colors" because of its' earthy colors. The quilt will be raffled off during the Shamrock Festival on August 22. It is not necessary to be present to win and the quilt will be shipped free of charge to the lucky winner.

We are writing to ask for your help with selling some of the quilt raffle tickets to your friends and family as well as your consideration in purchasing tickets for yourselves. A booklet of 10 tickets sells for \$10 and includes two free tickets – a total of 12 chances for \$10. A half booklet is \$5 and includes one free ticket (6 chances).

There are several ways to get tickets. Go to the website and find instructions for ordering tickets, or call Cherlyn Gwin, 970-731-9666, or call Teri Sullivan, 970-731-2590, or stop by the church office to pick up tickets. If you live out of town, we will gladly mail you a supply of ticket booklets to sell in your community.

Go to the website, check-out the quilt, then order your tickets.

Thank you for helping with this important cause.



Calendar List of Events

June 8-12	ECW - Habitat lunches
June 8-12	Vacation Bible School
Sat, June 13	8:30 Men's Fellowship
Sat, June 13,	9, Quilt Workshop
Sun, June 14	after church, powerwash buildings
June 15-18	Church not available - staining in progress
Sat, June 20	4, Lobster Potluck Dinner
Sun, June 21	Canon Lou Blanchard - Father's Day
	11:30, Vestry meeting with Lou Blanchard
Thur, June 25	Loaves & Fishes
Sun, June 28	Bring A Friend To Church - Potluck Lunch
Wed, June 10	BBBS begins again
Mon, June 13	ECW Dinner at Sullivan's
Sat, July 18	Spiritus trip to Chimney Rock
Sun, July 19	Church Picnic at Millers' Home
Sun, July 26	Fellowship Potluck Lunch after church
Sun, Aug 30	Fellowship Potluck Lunch after church
Sundays	9 - Christian Ed; 10 - Church Service
Wednesdays	11:30 - Healing Service & 12 - BBBS
Thursdays	2 - Prayer Quilters
	4 - Choir practice



Mark your calendars for Sunday, July 19 for the Annual Church Picnic. This year, Tim and Sabra Miller will be our hosts. There will be more information in the July

Shamrock.

How to stay safe in the world today!

1. Avoid riding in automobiles because they are responsible for 20% of all fatal accidents.
2. Do not stay home because 17% of all accidents occur in the home.
3. Avoid walking on streets or sidewalks because 14% of all accidents occur to pedestrians.
4. Avoid traveling by air, rail, or water because 16% of all accidents involve these forms of transportation.
5. Of the remaining 33%, 32% of all deaths occur in hospitals. So, above all else, avoid hospitals.

But, you will be pleased to learn that only .001% of all deaths occur in worship services in church, and these are usually related to previous physical disorders. Therefore, logic tells us that the safest place for you to be at any given point in time is the church!

And, Bible study is safe too. The percentage of deaths during Bible study is even less.

So, attend church and read your Bible: IT COULD SAVE YOUR LIFE!

The Army of the Lord

Jack was in front of me coming out of church one Sunday, and the preacher was standing at the door as he always is to shake hands.

The preacher grabbed Jake by the hand and pulled him aside. He said to Jack, "You need to join the Army of the Lord!" Jack replied, "I'm already in the Army of the Lord, Pastor."

"Then, how come I almost never see you in church except at Christmas and Easter?" the preacher commented.

Jack said, "I'm in the secret service."

Nursery

Ushers and Greeters: Please remember to let people know coming into church that we have a nursery available for children aged to 5 years.

Parents should bring their children into church from the Nursery at the Peace so that the family can receive Communion together.

Vacation Bible School

Plans are underway for VBS to be a joint mission between the Catholic, Methodist, and Episcopal Churches. The date for VBS is June 8-13. Information will be in the Bulletin.

Coffee Hosts

There are no families signed up to host Coffee Hour for the month of June. Please sign-up and remember to keep it simple – coffee, juice, cookies, fruit, etc.

An Orangutan's Reading Material

One day the zoo-keeper noticed that the orangutan was reading two books: the Bible and Darwin's Origin of Species. Surprised, he asked the ape, "Why are you reading both those books?"

"Well," said the orangutan, "I just wanted to know if I was my brother's keeper or my keeper's brother."

June Celebrations

- 1 Linda Warren, Joanne Irons
- 5 Ron Martin
- 6 Bill Smith, Zane Rasnic
- 11 Jeff Rockett
- 12 Cynthia Sharp
- 15 Bob Page
- 17 Claire Versaw
- 20 Hunter Griffin



- 1 Sally High & Jerry Smith,
Don & Norma Hersey
- 18 Ann & Dick Van Fossen
- 21 Connie & Sean O'Donnell
- 24 John & Joyce Ramberg
- 25 Carol Ann & James White, Meg & Dick Boblit
- 29 Stephanie & Andrew Jones, Sharon & Jim
Vierbicher



June 7 - 1st Sunday After Pentecost - Rite I – Trinity Sunday –

Psalm 29 or Canticle 2 or 13; Isaiah 6:1-8; Romans 8:12-27; John 3:1-17

- Lector Muriel Cronkhite
- Chalicer Jan Nanus
- Chalicer Tom Thorpe
- Usher Bill and Nancy Crouse
- Greeters Loretta and Jim Barker
- Coffee Host

June 14 - 2nd Sunday After Pentecost - Rite II

Psalm 20 and I Samuel 15:34-16:13 or Psalm 92:1-4, 11-145 and Ezekiel 17:22-24; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17; Mark 4:26-34

- Lector Hank Williams
- Chalicer Dick Boblit
- Chalicer Meg Boblit
- Usher Bud and Charlene Short
- Greeters Bob and Cathy Pohly
- Coffee Host

June 21 - 3rd Sunday After Pentecost - Rite II

– Father's Day & Vestry –

Psalm 9:9-20 and I Samuel 17:(1A, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49 or Psalm 133 and I Samuel 17:57-18:5, 10-16 or Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32 and Job 38:1-11; 2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41

- Lector Bud Short
- Chalicer Charlene Short
- Chalicer Loretta Barker
- Usher Ken and Charlotte Jones
- Greeters Ken Rogers and Meg Boblit
- Coffee Host

June 28 - 4th Sunday After Pentecost - Rite II

– Bring a Friend to Church –

Psalm 130 and 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27 or Psalm 30 or Lamentations 3:21-33 and Wisdom 1:13-15, 2:23-24; 2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43

- Lector Jim Dorian
- Chalicer Linda Warren
- Chalicer Charlotte Jones
- Usher Don McLeod and Ken Rogers
- Greeters Joyce Ramberg and Mary Sickbert
- Coffee Host