

SHAMROCK NEWSLETTER

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church

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FROM THE PULPIT:

Dear Friends in Christ:

The *Stations of the Cross*, also called *The Way of the Cross*, is an extremely ancient Christian practice. The purpose is to move from station to station and remember Jesus' journey from the trial to his death on the cross. The practice began in Jerusalem when pilgrims followed the path of Jesus from the temple to Golgotha. At each location, worshippers stopped and offered prayers and songs. Most of the stations are based on scriptural references, but several are either inferred by the gospels or are based on "pious legend and tradition." Jesus meeting his mother while he carrying the cross to Golgotha is an example of the latter. In all, there are fourteen different stations that are visited during the liturgy.

Many churches from different denominations now have Stations of the Cross in their churches or in gardens. In some cases, the stations are elaborate statues or paintings. In others, the stations are simple, rugged crosses fixed to the wall of the worship space. The liturgy for Stations of the Cross is typically used during Lent, but the service can be used by groups or individuals at any time of the year. The Stations liturgy can be a poignant reminder of the graceful, sacrificial death of Jesus for the sins of all humanity.

Our very own Ken Jones quite graciously crafted fourteen simple, yet handsome wooden crosses for us to use for the Stations. They are now hanging on the wall in our worship space. He finished the project just before Holy Week. We were able to use the crosses for a simple Stations liturgy on the Monday before Easter and then again during our Good Friday liturgy. On Good Friday, we were able to take the small crosses off the wall and lay them at the foot of the large cross as an act of penitence and veneration.

The crosses continue to be available for your use. You may take one off the wall and hold it while in prayer or leave it on the altar or on the desk with candles to the right of the altar area. In addition, you can use the worship booklet entitled *The Way of the Cross* and pray the stations whenever the church is open. However you choose to use these crosses, do thank Ken Jones for his generous Easter gift to our parish family. We will leave several worship booklets on the desk with the candles.

A WELCOME TO OUR ASSOCIATE MEMBERS AND THE EARLY SERVICE

Every summer the life of our parish family is invigorated by the return of our summer members. I have grown to anticipate the summer with great joy. As in the past, to accommodate weekend plans and the increased attendance, we will have two services, one at 8 a.m. and one at 10 a.m. The first is a simple service with no music, so you can head for the mountains or the golf course. The second is our typical "formal" service. Please try to attend one of these services, regardless of your plans, and remember to bring a friend with you.

Your Pagosa Pilgrim,
Fr. Doug

ST. PATRICK'S MOVES TO SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

This Sunday, May 29, St. Patrick's Episcopal Church will move to their summer worship schedule with two services offered on Sunday mornings. The first service, at 8 am, will be a shorter service with no music, offered at an earlier hour so that people can come to worship before enjoying other summer activities. The regular 10 am service will continue to be offered for those who prefer to worship with music. This service is followed by the traditional fellowship and coffee time in the parish hall. Adult Sunday School is offered each Sunday at 9 am in the church library. Summer Choir rehearsal will begin on Thursday, June 9, from 4-6 pm. There will be only one two-hour rehearsal per month, covering music for worship through the month. Any who enjoy singing are welcome to participate.

“The Simplicity of the Spiritual Life”

A Workshop presented by The Rev. Sarah Berlin
and St. Patrick's Episcopal Church.

Saturday, June 4, 2011

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

*“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul,
and with all your mind, and with all your strength.” Mark 12:30*

The Rev. Sarah A. Berlin is an Episcopal Priest, Spiritual Director, retreat leader and for many years directed the *Referral Service for Seniors* at St. John’s Episcopal Cathedral. She also worked as a Hospice Chaplain for The Denver Hospice where she facilitated bereavement groups. She often assists at St. Philip and St. James Episcopal Church in Denver, where her husband, the Rev. George Berlin is Rector.

Her most recent book, Contemplative Compassion: Creating a Culture of Care in Faith Communities, is a guide for groups and individuals to gain practical caring skills along with spiritual renewal. The workshop will be the beginning of the Spiritual Direction Group study of her book for the summer.

Registration is \$10.00 per person, some scholarships are available. Lunch will be included. Details available from the Church Office, 731-5801.

Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Amount enclosed _____ Cash or Check _____

Please make checks to “St. Patrick’s Episcopal Church”
and note “Spiritual Workshop” on the memo line.
Books are currently on sale in the Church Office for \$12.00

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILDING DAY – JUNE 4, 2011, 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

On June 4, 2011, at 8:30 a.m., volunteers will meet at the Building Site, 1379 Hills Circle (Lake Hatcher Area), and work on the new house. ECW will be furnishing lunch. Bring your work gloves, hammers, etc. Work will end at 3:00 p.m. For more information, contact Jim Dorian, 731-9878.

BOB & KATHY POHLY ARE LEAVING PAGOSA....

Congratulations to Bob & Kathy who have just sold their house here and are in Bend, OR looking for a new home near their family there. They will be leaving after closing on **June 17**.

They will be greatly missed, and we thank them so much for all of their hard work, commitment to St. Patrick's, and for their fellowship while they were here. We wish them a successful move to be near their children, and hope they find happiness and a new 'church home' in Oregon.

WE ARE ASKING FOR HELP IN FILLING BOB AND KATHY'S BIG SHOES:

SHAMROCK NEWSLETTER – Kathy Pohly has done a beautiful job putting together our monthly newsletter and posting it on our website. If you can help us pick up her duties, please contact the church office, Fr. Doug or Lynne McCrudden.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP - Bob Pohly has headed up our Men's Fellowship for the past 2 years. If you can help with the men's activities this year, please contact the office, Fr. Doug or Jim Vierbicher.

All help is welcome!

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S.I.D.S. LOBSTER POTLUCK DINNER -SAT., JUNE 18, 4:00-6:00 PM

Our June Potluck will be held at the Pagosa Brewing Co., 100 N. Pagosa Blvd (731-2739) in the outdoor beer garden. This Annual Fundraiser for 'Angel Eyes' supports families dealing with the loss of a child to SIDS (Sudden Infant Death Syndrome) .

Sign up for the Potluck to bring a dish, and pick-up your pre-order forms at St. Patrick's.

Live Lobsters, Tails, Steaks & packages of burgers need to be **pre-ordered by June 13th** for delivery to Pagosa on June 18th, details are on the order form. Call, order on-line or fax to place your order and pre-pay your items with check or credit card. Items will be delivered to the Brewery for the potluck.

-Frozen burgers need to be picked up at the Parish Hall on June 18, 1:00 – 2:00 pm, and taken home!

-Items to be taken home to cook need to be picked up at St. Patrick's on June 18, between 1:00-2:00 pm.

(Live Lobsters need to be cooked THAT DAY!)

Come have a great time with friends & family and support a worthy cause. For more information call the church office, or Ken and Dinah Rogers at 731-8339.

THANK YOU'S FOR JUNE

A big thank you to all who have participated in the Diocese Vestry Retreat. All of the in-town vestry members attended and represented St. Patrick's very well. Thanks to the ECW for providing the lunch and snacks, especially Muriel Cronkhite, Sharon Vierbicher, Lynne McCrudden, Nancy Crouse.

Another big thank you to the labyrinth workers and all the "manual laborers". Father Doug Neel, Dick Boblit, Jim Ferko, Chuck Bankhead, Jim Dorian, Wes Arrighetti, Ken Jones, Bill Wittwer, Addi Greer, Lynne McCrudden, and tractor driver Terry Jackson, Jim Vierbicher, Tom Cruse, Bill Crouse. Again, thanks to the ladies who provided lunch for the workers and for the quilters.

Thanks to Kenny Rogers, Jim Vierbicher, and Tom Cruse for setting up the "Steak and Stein". Thanks to Mark DeVoti for being the speaker.

Our thanks to the Youth Center, Joanne Irons, Joanne Ferko, and Solidad Leo for providing the venue and food for our May Pot Luck.

What would Thursday Food Box day be without our volunteers? Thanks to Nancy Williams, Sue Gottschalk, Patty Bankhead, Chuck Bankhead, Mary Baily, Mary Ann Stewart, Sandy Artzberger, Tom Cruse, Katherine Cruse, Karla and Ed Robinson, Don MacLeod, Jo Kay, Mary Baily, and anyone else who helped.

We appreciate the volunteers that went to Navajo Land to work on buildings and grounds. Working a long day was Frank Dickson, Carl Fischer, Jeff Schaupp, Jim Dorian, Jim White, and Dick Boblit.

A special thanks to all who helped with Loaves and Fishes, especially Lynne McCrudden who prepared barbecued chicken for 268 people.

Kitchen angels are so appreciated. Thanks to Sally Neel, Meg Boblit and Becky Dorian for serving in the month of May.

We thank Ron Jyleen for standing in for Father Doug while he is out of town.

"no-bake, bake sale"



LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, FELLOW PARISHIONERS:

The **ECW** would like to invite you to be a part of our **"NO-BAKE SALE"**. In lieu of having a regular bake sale, we will be giving a cookie and tax receipt to each donor. This is our **ONLY** fundraiser for the year, so please participate. We will **NOT** be asking you to bake for it, just contribute money. We will have a small table set up outside the church on **June 19th**, **after each service**. Thank you for your generous donations!

BOOK NOOK

Mark your calendars. **June 25th from 9am to 1pm is the Big Book Nook Sale to the public.** So if you have been debating about a book you might buy it now before someone snatches it up at the public sale. Be sure and tell your friends.

Thanks to everyone who has donated and bought books. The money raised at the Book Nook goes to the Food Bank and the Quilt Ministry, two of St. Patrick's great outreach programs. **"Do not forget the Book Nook has the best prices in town!"** Bonnie Brooks

OUTREACH REPORT

This last week of May combined in one day so much of what is great and challenging in our Outreach efforts to address real needs here in Pagosa Springs. Thursday morning I was privileged to sit in for Fr. Doug in the weekly Pagosa Outreach Council (POC) made up of representatives of several local faith congregations, United Way, and other social services focused groups. Our deliberations resulted in several decisions to pool voluntary contributions from various of the groups, including St. Patrick's, to provide critical support to meet emergency needs of some of the petitioners. The needs are truly compelling.

Later that morning, St. Patrick's hosted the weekly Loaves & Fishes lunch at the downtown Parish Hall on Lewis Street. Under the this week's cooking leads of Lynne McCrudden and Nancy Crouse, ably supported by Bill Crouse, the BBQ'd chicken, rice, beans and salad lunches were dished up and served out by St. Patrick's volunteers as 265 individual meals. Most went to those in attendance or who asked for take-home boxes for family members or later meals, Meals on Wheels, and the Victim Assistance program. The gratitude of those attending was very clear as were the complements to the cooks!

While the L&Fs lunch was proceeding, Sue Gottschalk and Nancy Williams were again presiding over our weekly Food Bank at St. Patrick's as 18 food boxes were given out, raising the May food box donations to 69 boxes, serving 111 adults and 40 children. Again, the needs are compelling.

Many of you volunteer to assist to make the L&Fs lunches a joy to serve and attend. Others of you graciously support Sue and Nancy and the other key Food Box program volunteers including Cherlyn Gwin, Bill Gottschalk, Chuck Bankhead, and Erica and Mark DeVoti to plan menus, shop for and buy the food items, prepare the boxes and hand them out each Thursday. Without your volunteering support, these programs would not be possible. Others of you bring in food items or make specific financial donations of support. We are thankful to all for this generous support of key Outreach efforts.

As we face the reality of the financial issues at St. Patrick's, I am reminded that we must first assure the viability of our own body of believers in order to serve the manifold needs of the persons and families in Pagosa Springs who struggle each day and week to deal with the realities of joblessness, family distresses, and hunger. Our current ability to support the POC and Food Box programs comes from the success of last year's Shamrock Festival. We are equally dependent for the strength of our ongoing Outreach efforts on the success of this year's Shamrock Festival, now getting into full swing of preparations.

May God bless each of you for supporting our own church family and as well as those in our community.
Tom Cruse, Vestry member for Outreach

FOOD BOX DISTRIBUTION FOR MAY

There were **62 food boxes** distributed in May, serving **101 adults** and **56 children**.
“Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor.” Prov. 22:9

SHAMROCK FESTIVAL

Once again it's time to prepare for our Shamrock Festival Garage Sale. Please get your unwanted, gently used garage sale items (house wares, kitchenware, tools and sports equipment, etc) together. We are accepting items every Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. No large furniture please. All donations are tax deductible, receipts will be available at the church office. We are also accepting items for the silent auction. Contact Joanne Ferko (731-1227) or Siri Schuchardt (731-9670)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE, 2011

- 4 "The Simplicity of Spiritual Living" Workshop, Rev. Sarah Berlin, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
4 Habitat for Humanity House Build, All day, ECW providing lunch.
5 Rev. Sarah Berlin to officiate at 10 am service.
6 Vacation Bible School at Community United Methodist Church. June 6-10. Contact Nancy Bush (731-9297).
8 Inquirer's Class, 6-8 p.m. (for 8 weeks)
11 Quilt Workshop, 9:00 a.m., Parish Hall
11 Spiritual Direction Group Meeting, 1:00 p.m.
12 Sunday Night Unplugged, 5:00 p.m.,
13 ECW, 1:00 p.m.
14 Board Meeting for Loaves and Fishes, 1:30 p.m.
15 Inquirer's Class, 6-8 p.m. (Week #2)
18 Men's Fellowship breakfast, 8:30 a.m.
18 POT LUCK DINNER -SIDS Lobster Dinner, at Pagosa Brewery
19 Baptism, Hadley Jeanne Scott.
19 ECW – "No Bake- Bake Sale"
* **No Loaves and Fishes this month.**
20 Daughters of the King, 12 p.m., Parish Hall
22 Inquirer's Class, 6-8 p.m. (week #3)
24 Shamrock Newsletter Deadline
25 Book Nook Sale, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p..m.
25 Vestry Mini Retreat, 9a.m.- 2:00 p.m.
26 Regional Confirmations, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Durango (pending)
29 Inquirer's Class, 6-8 p.m.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES FOR JUNE

Birthdays:

- 1 Linda Warren
Joanne Irons
6 Bill Smith
Zane Rasnic
14 Bill Wittwer
15 Bob Page
24 Sabra Miller
27 Ronnie Crandall

Anniversaries:

- 1 Sally High and Jerry Smith
10 Ronnie and Marlena Crandall
11 Bill and Barbara Ward
12 Don and Norma Hersey
17 LeRoy and Kate Ellison
21 Sean and Connie O'Donnell
24 John and Joyce Ramberg
25 James and Carol Ann White
Meg and Dick Boblit
Doug and Sally Neel
27 Olin and Sharon Garrison
29 Andrew and Stephanie Jones
Jim and Sharon Vierbicher

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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| June 5 | 8:00 a.m. | Chalicer/Lector: | Ron Jyleen |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Chalicers: | Dick and Meg Boblit |
| | | Lector: | Barbara Ward |
| | | Ushers: | Jim and Becky Dorian |
| | | Greeters: | Carl and Elizabeth Fischer |

June 12	8:00 a.m.	Chalicer/Lector:	Linda Warren
	10:00 a.m.	Chalicers:	Kenneth and Charlotte Jones
		Lector:	Katherine Cruse
		Ushers:	Bill and Nancy Crouse
		Greeters:	Bob and Kathy Pohly
June 19	8:00 a.m.	Chalicer/Lector:	Ron Jyleen
	10:00 a.m.	Chalicers:	Don MacLeod and Tom Thorpe
		Lector:	Jim Dorian
		Ushers:	Tom and Katherine Cruse
		Greeter:	Buddy Schuchardt
June 26	8:00 a.m.	Chalicer/Lector:	Charlotte Jones
	10:00 a.m.	Chalicers:	Ron Jyleen and Linda Warren
		Lector:	Jeff Schaupp
		Ushers:	Rudy Sapper and Joan Scott
		Greeter:	Connie O'Donnell

CHORAL WORKSHOP PLANNED FOR JULY

Last year, Peter Schindler from Dallas come to lead a choral workshop for our choir and for others in the community. We are excited that he will be returning for a choral workshop July 15-17 at St. Patrick's. If you enjoy singing or know someone who does, plan to come to this exciting singing workshop. Peter is a wonderful teacher who can teach vocal techniques in such a way that you will feel like you're ready to join the Met! The workshop costs only \$25 for music. Tell your friends and join us. Sally Neel, Music Director

ST. PATRICK'S VESTRY MEMBERS AND DUTIES

Father Doug Neel	Rector	Hank Williams,	Treasurer
Dinah Rogers	Vestry Clerk	Sally High	Youth/Young Families
Jim Vierbicher	Senior Warden	Frank Meiners	Associate Members
Lynne McCrudden	Jr. Warden/Administration	Rudy Sapper	Programs/Finance
Tom Cruse	Outreach	Tim Miller	Buildings/Grounds
Bob Shipman	Associate Members	Barbara Ward	Education/Spiritual Growth
Becky Dorian	Evangelism/Welcoming	Ron Jyleen	Worship Ministries