

The Shamrock



September Calendar

- Sundays 8 am Worship service
 9 am Christian Education
 10 am Worship service
- Wednesdays 11:30 am Healing service
 12 Noon Bible study
- Thursdays 10 am - 2 pm Food boxes
 2 pm Prayer quilters
- 9/1 9a Shamrock Festival Wrap-up
- 9/1 7p Faith Formation Community
- 9/5 Labor Day – Office Closed.
- 9/9 6p Potluck
- 9/11 Sunday Night Unplugged
- 9/12 1p ECW
- 9/13-17 ECW Habitat lunches
- 9/15 4p Choir Practice
- 9/16-17 Men's Fishing Trip
- 9/17 9a Quilt Workshop
- 9/18 11:30a Vestry Meeting
- 9/19 12p Daughters of the King
- 9/21 Shamrock Newsletter Deadline
- 9/25 8a Last Sunday worship service

From the Pulpit

Dear Friends of the Way;

I am pleased. I have to say that I am very pleased. This has been a most incredible summer in many, many ways. We have experienced both record attendance at our services and record donations to the church. Even though these things are not ends in themselves, they are signs of all the good things that you are doing for God and for our community.



The vestry and I have wanted to focus our attention this summer in three directions: (1) incorporating all of our members into the life and ministry of our parish family; (2) meeting the needs of those in this community who are struggling financially; and (3) providing opportunities for learning and spiritual growth. Since my first year here, we have worked diligently to more fully and intentionally incorporate both new members and our summer associates into all aspects of our parish family life. Even though we still have a lot to do in this regard, I believe that we have made tremendous strides. It has been wonderful to see new and returning members participating in liturgical ministry, classes, outreach ministry, potluck dinners, and many other elements of our life together. Our spirituality group continues to have a large impact on our common life. We have just finished our labyrinth after years of hard work. Not only will it be a wonderful spiritual tool for our church, but will be a gift for the entire community. All of our classes, especially the classes on world religions, have been well received with spirited discussions. With the recession, Pagosa Springs needs the ministries we provide now more than ever. I am so pleased to see how our parish family is able to find such wonderful ways to meet those needs.

I am especially pleased with this year's Shamrock Festival. Like the past festivals, this one was great fun. Our attendance at all the different events was great and we have all received wonderful compliments from those in the community. The Shamrock shows off so many positive aspects of our common life. And in the midst of live music, silent auctions, garage and book sales and our theater night, we raised a lot of money for outreach. Once again, I did not win the Shamrock quilt, but I do know that this raffle alone raised \$5,000 for outreach in our community and that the woman who did win the quilt was quite touched. It is just another example of the many ways we reach out into the community that surrounds us.

Three Years

I am pleased to announce that on September 1, I will be celebrating three years as your priest. It has been an amazing time. Certainly we have seen challenges. A number of dear friends have moved to other towns. We have buried a few loved ones and baptized even more. We still hope to grow and expand our ministries for children and youth, but in truth, we have a number of hopes and dreams that are yet to be realized. By far, my favorite part of the last three years has been getting to know you. Never before have I been part of a parish family quite like this one ... and I mean that in a good way!

A fellow Pagosa Pilgrim
Fr. Doug

Potluck

Friday, September 9, at 6:00 p.m.

Don't forget the September 9th potluck is also the drawing of the Rifle Raffle winner. We will be having some kind of "wild animal" entree and we hope you will all come and bring bread, salad, veggies or dessert. Of course your favorite adult beverage is always acceptable. We will gather at the parish hall about 6pm. Please sell those raffle tickets to your friends and neighbors and then invite them to join us for dinner.

Lynne McCrudden

Memorial Garden

The memorial garden committee and the landscaping committee hope you are enjoying the cleanup we have done to the garden. Yes, there are tiny little Wooly Thyme plants planted around the memorial stones and we are hoping that some will survive until next spring when we will be planting more.

The cross is also in need of repair and we are looking into that. The hill behind the cross is being prepared for next spring when we hope to have junipers along the top and a rock garden coming down the sides. If you have any suggestions for planting or would like to join the landscaping committee, please let me know. We have lots of ideas, but few hands.

Thanks,

Lynne McCrudden

Thank You

St. Patrick's is abundantly blessed with help and support from its congregation. For the month of August we would like to thank all the committee chairs for the Shamrock Festival: **Siri Schuchardt, Barbara Ward, Joanne Ferko, Nancy Williams, Patti Bankhead, Sally Neel, Bonnie Brooks, Bryan Sickbert and Lynne McCrudden.** The Memorial Garden and Landscape Committees for their work on the Memorial Garden: **Carolyn and Bob Shipman, Joan Scott and Rudy Sapper, B-Ann Luffel, Muriel Cronkhite, Mary Sickbert, Fran Smith, Becky and Jim Dorian and Lynne McCrudden.** Our Loaves and Fishes chef **Joanne Irons,** and our hosts for the August Potluck, **Mary Bailly,** and **Sue and Bill Gottschalk.**



September Celebrations

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1 Kenneth Jones
- 3 Tom Altman
Tom Cruse
- 6 Frank & Marlene Meiners
- 7 Tyler Greenly
- 10 Jim & Becky Dorian
- 11 Jeff Schaupp
- 13 John Gwin
Sharry Newell
Nancy Miquelon & Jeff Versaw
- 14 Colton Lewis
Tim Miller
- 15 Tom & Linda Altman
Loretta & Jim Barker
Kenneth & Charlotte Jones
- 17 John Ramberg
- 18 Roland & Ellen Seylar
- 19 Katherine Cruse
David & Bonnie Brooks
Ken & Dinah Rogers
- 23 Marianne Barber

"Where did we get statements like these: "a fly in the ointment", "skin of your teeth", or "sour grapes"? They actually are from 1611. That's right, the year the KJV or The King James Version was born. King James did not translate it himself but hired some 47 scholars to work together to create one version to be read in all English churches. Its biggest competitor was the Geneva Bible. One can only imagine how difficult it was to please all the various factions - Puritans, Catholics, Anglicans, and the Reformers. Yes, 400 years ago, and it is still one of the most admired translations and the only translation still used today in English cathedrals for daily Evensong"

From the Junior Warden...

Shamrock Festival

It was a great success, thanks to all the hard work of everyone! The Men's fellowship did an outstanding job hauling, delivering, setting up and taking down. Truly this would be an impossible event without all their time and talents. The Ladies did a great job setting up the Garage Sale and Silent Auction and both were hugely successful because of all their hard work. As always the Book Nook was the place to be on Saturday morning, and Bonnie Brooks and her crew kept everyone happy finding those great reads for this winter.

Saturday afternoon, Susan Thorpe turned an ordinary tent into a field of sunflowers, and Patti Bankhead and Nancy Williams made sure that dinner was served on time and hot! The youth from the Youth Center and Destination Imagination were a great help serving drinks and dessert, and making sure all was cleaned up and ready for church on Sunday. Speaking of dessert....it was delicious and I understand that for a small fee, Marlene Meiners and her crew will share it with you. *(ed: recipe on page 4)*

The Friday evening "theatre" was a fun way to start the weekend and if you missed out this year perhaps we will be lucky enough to have them return again next year. Church on Sunday was truly the toping on the cake. I left the tent at the end of taking communion to get the hot dogs started.....stepping outside and listening to all the voices singing "Amazing Grace" a cappella was absolutely beautiful. I think some of you are holding out on Sally...you should be in the choir.

The final, final tally is not in because we are still hoping to sell a few things on eBay, but right now it looks like the Silent Auction/Garage Sale/Book Nook/and Dinner made over \$8000 and the Quilt Raffle made \$5000. Remember, the Rifle Raffle ends on the 9th of September and if all the tickets are sold it will be another \$5000 for outreach.

Thank you everyone for all your hard work and participation. The congregation of St. Patrick's should be very proud of themselves and the monetary contributions we make to our community is outstanding.

Lynne McCrudden



On the weekend of August 25 - 27, members of St. Patrick's participated in the Equestrian Special Olympics hosted by LASSO, Pagosa's horse rescue. Eleven athletes enjoyed three days of riding and friendship. LASSO is grateful for all the support given by church members throughout the year.



Shamrock Festival Tent Raising

Newsletter editor sought -- We are looking for someone with good computer and writing skills to produce the monthly newsletter. The work isn't difficult but it does require someone who is available to work on it the latter part of each month. Please pray that God will call this person forward. And while you're doing that, think of all of our members, maybe someone just needs a little nudge.

Outreach

Dear Friends:

My last two columns have provided you with some information on our Food Pantry and St. Patrick's participation in Loaves & Fishes. I hope you found these useful as they represent key elements in our commitment to Outreach to meet Fr. Doug's vision that no one in our region should be going hungry on a sustaining basis.

In this column, I want to tell you briefly about another amazing program you support through your gifts and fund raising - the Pagosa Outreach Connection, known locally as the POC. Fr. Doug (and I when needed) represent one of about 13 community organizations that meet weekly at Centerpoint Church. The POC includes several local religious bodies and local volunteer groups.

The council is a shared event where the various organizations meet to consider emergency needs of individuals and families who apply to the POC through the County Social Services office, headed by Barbara Hendricks. The POC has no overhead or management but meets to consider a pooled response to one-time needs (rarely does the POC provide support more than once) for support that is typically in the range of a few hundred dollars. The needs that come up include such emergencies as power or water shutoff, travel to Denver for special medical attention, one-time monthly rents, vehicle repair for work travel, etc.

Each applicant and need is presented, dissected, and discussed by the Council members. Is support going to enable the person or family to really be self-sufficient following the aid? Are they getting the right support from other community agencies and funds? Have they gotten into low-rent housing? Is there a real opportunity for the funds to make a big change for the person or family? The discussion and assessment is really frank (and fully confidential). Some days, no funds are granted. Other days, some are funded and others rejected. In some cases, the individuals are given specific tasks or goals to complete with POC support only after they achieve these.

When a case achieves consensus for support, each organization considers whether or not to contribute a portion of their POC "bank account" to that case. Often, these are in the \$25 - \$50 dollar range for St. Patrick's. Other organizations give less or more according to their hearts and budgets. Sometimes we do not support a case others support, feeling that we would prefer to support other needs. When the "bidding" of support reaches the level of the need, that case is closed and the next one is considered through this extensive vetting process. Having had the chance to attend several of these sessions, I have to say this is one really outstanding and critical Outreach effort that St. Patrick's supports!

This year, the Vestry committed \$1500 from the 2010 Shamrock Festival for this vital program. Other funds have come from our St. Patrick's' members and from Fr. Doug's discretionary account. Thanks to you all for helping to make this ministry work!

In His name,
Tom Cruse,
Vestry Member for Outreach

Recipes you have requested...

Pastel de Tres Leches* from Marlene Meiners

- 1 (18.25-ounce) white cake mix
- 2 c heavy cream, divided
- 3/4 c half-&-half
- 3/4 c evaporated milk
- 1/2 c confectioners' sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 c chopped pineapple (1/2-inch pieces)
- 1 c chopped strawberries (1/2-inch pieces)
- 1 c halved seedless red grapes
- 3 kiwi, peeled & chopped (1/2-inch pieces)



Prepare cake mix using directions for sheet cake; cool completely. Combine 3/4 cup cream, half-&-half & evaporated milk in container with pouring lip. Lightly scrape cake surface with knife. Gradually pour milk mixture over cake, spread with pastry brush; let soak into cake before adding more. Set aside. Whip remaining cream, sugar & vanilla with mixer. Spread over cake. Arrange fruit on top. Chill at least 1 hour. *<http://projects.eveningedge.com/recipes/pastel-de-tres-leches/>

Blueberry Cheesecake Bars* from Heidi Weber

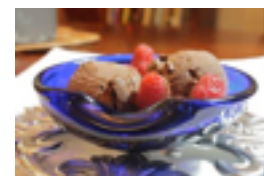
- 6 tbsp butter or margarine, melted
- 2 c graham cracker crumbs
- 2-8oz pkg cream cheese, softened
- 3/4 c sugar
- 2 lg eggs
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1 jar (8 oz) blueberry jam or preserves
- 1 c Blueberries



Pour melted butter in 13x9" pan, sprinkle crumbs & mix well. Press firmly into pan. Beat cream cheese until smooth. Add sugar, eggs & vanilla, beating until well-blended; set aside. Stir jam until softened, spread evenly over crust & cover with blueberries. Top with cream cheese mixture. Bake at 350 for 30 min or until slightly puffed. Cool completely in pan. Cut into 24 bars. *<http://www.kraftrecipes.com/recipes/blueberry-cheesecake-bars-75194.aspx>

Deep Dark Chocolate Ice Cream* from Jonnae Benzel

- 2 1/4 c whole milk
- 2 1/4 c heavy cream
- 1 1/8 c granulated sugar
- 1 1/8 c Dutch process cocoa
- 2 large eggs
- 2 large egg yolks
- 12 oz bittersweet chocolate, chopped
- 2 t vanilla extract



Combine milk & cream in large pan, simmer 30 min. on low. In med. bowl, mix sugar, eggs & yolks on medium until thick like mayo. Add 1 cup hot cream mix to cocoa mixture in slow, steady stream, mix on low until completely incorporated. Stir chopped chocolate into pan with hot cream mix & stir in egg mixture. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly, until mixture thickens and begins to resemble chocolate pudding. Transfer chocolate mix to bowl & stir in vanilla. Cover with plastic wrap placed directly on surface; refrigerate until completely cooled. Pour chilled custard into freezer bowl, turn machine on & mix until thickened. Ice cream will have soft texture; for firmer texture transfer to airtight container & freeze at least 2 hours. Makes about 15 servings. *<http://www.cuisinart.com/recipes/desserts/104.html>

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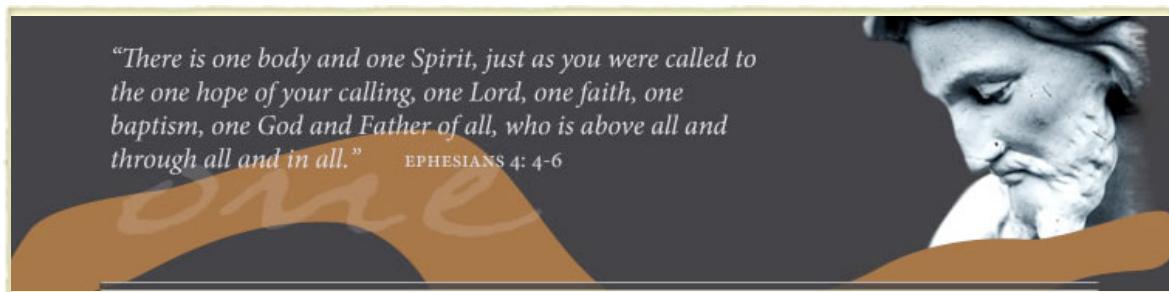
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Sunday Worship Schedule

| September 4 | | |
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| Chalice: | 8 am 10 am | Ron Jyleen Bill Crouse, Ken Rogers |
| Lector: | | Muriel Cronkhite |
| Ushers: | | Jim & Becky Dorian |
| Greeter: | | Charlotte Jones |
| September 11 | | |
| Chalice: | 8 am 10 am | Ron Jyleen Don MacLeod, Ron Jyleen |
| Lector: | | Siri Schuchardt |
| Ushers: | | Bill & Nancy Crouse |
| Greeter: | | Buddy Schuchardt |
| September 18 | | |
| Chalice: | 8 am 10 am | Ron Jyleen Ken Jones, Charlotte Jones |
| Lector: | | Michael McCrudden, Frank Meiners |
| Ushers: | | Tom & Katherine Cruse |
| Greeter: | | Linda Altman |
| September 25 | | |
| Chalice: | 8 am 10 am | Ron Jyleen Jan Wittwer, Tom Thorpe |
| Lector: | | Jim Dorian, Barbara Ward |
| Ushers: | | Rudy Sapper & Joan Scott |
| Greeter: | | Connie Sue O'Donnell |

Deadline for the October Shamrock Newsletter is Wednesday, September 21.

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