

February 14, 2016
The First Sunday in Lent



St. Patrick's Episcopal Church and Day School

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Our St. Patrick's Mission Statement:

"To love and obey God, to love each other and others and to let our light shine from this holy hill."

All are welcome to join us each and every Sunday morning for worship and to receive communion.

Rite I Worship Service: 8:00 AM

Rite II Worship Service: 10:15 with Choir & Sunday School

Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ

Interim Rector Fr. John Crean
Sr. Warden Anna Merriman
Jr. Warden Paul Teagle
Music Director Dr. Eric Kinsley

Children's Ministry Director
Youth Ministry Director
Financial Administrator
Parish Administrator
St. Patrick's Postulant

Patty Buffaloe
Robert Galletly
Kathryn Walters
Janet Enriquez
KC Robertson

Church office hours: Monday—Thurs from 9 AM to 3 PM
Please contact the Church Office for appointments w/Fr. John.
For pastoral emergencies after hours, please contact Fr. John
on his cell at 626-372-5898.

*The Lenten Palm is
Dedicated to the
Glory of God and in
Loving Memory of
Arthur Humphrey Beaven*

John's Jottings

"Remember thou keep holy the Sabbath Day"

When I was in Sunday School, we had to memorize the Ten Commandments. According to the Baltimore Catechism, the third commandment was

"Remember thou keep holy the Sabbath Day."

We learned that Sunday was not a workday, but a day of prayerful rest. We went to Mass in the morning and Vespers and Benediction in the evening. As kids we were elated to hear "no work." So, we asked, "Then no homework, right?" The teacher smiled but explained that homework (academic study and writing assignments) were not WORK in the sense of "servile work," i.e., something you were getting paid for! So we didn't get out of doing our homework. Rats!

But why am I jotting about this issue now? Here's why. Our salaried staff members are also members of our parish. (BTW, that's not always the norm.) And when they are here on Sundays they are here to worship, not work. The priest and the paid musicians "perform," but in reality what we do on Sunday is to worship. The "work" was our preparing for worship. Let us please bear this in mind and refrain from "talking shop" with staff on Sundays. It interrupts why they are here on Sunday—for personal and family time with our Lord, and for spiritual time with other parishioners. On Sundays, let us remember to connect with them as fellow parishioners rather than as church employees.

To a lesser extent, this also applies to your priest. If you have something to discuss, or questions about policy, etc., please feel free to call me up during the work week or make an appointment. I have very liberal office hours (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday) and am always reachable 24/7 by phone, text or email.

Thank you for helping us "Remember to keep holy the Sabbath Day." All of us need time to be "strengthened for service," as the Sacrament of Confirmation reminds us.

God bless, and always with my love, Fr. John+

Altar Flowers

Honor a loved one (birthday, anniversary, memorial, etc.) with a floral dedication. Sign up on the flower chart at the back of church. The suggested donation is \$40.00.

Checks to St. Patrick's Altar Guild with 'altar flowers' in the memo may be placed in the offertory plate.

For Those We Love

Cathy Adelman, Susanna Betti, Geoff Buck, Jane Calcante, Ted Dale, Evelyn Dineen, Ron Domkowski, Emma, Christa Funk, James Arthur Gordon, Ray Elizabeth Herkner, Marion Jeffrey, Buff Johnson, Jack Kinsley, Shirley Kinsley, Jim Leon, Haleigh Love, Joe Luce, Mary Ann, Lynn Malfatti, Jean McNally, Owen Nielsen, Bibi O'Neil, Lois Osbourne, Fred Palmquist, Dona Perry, Beth Sorensen, Grace Tallman, Bruce Teasdale, James Thweatt, and Presiding Bishop Michael Curry
KC Robertson and Ryan Macias for Discernment

Rest of the Soul

Richard Deasy, Peter Jackman, David H. Johns, Craig Kinsley, Frank Kolman, Sue Ann Loomis and Dick Seage

Children's Ministry

Care for preschool children aged 2 1/2 - kindergarten is available in the sacristy wing. K-5th grade children are welcome to our Sunday school program each Sunday morning. Children gather in church at the start of the 10:15 worship and process to their SS classes.

Youth Ministry

Middle & high school youth meet Sundays at 10:15 in the youth room, in the church office wing. Middle and high school classes meet each week from 10:15 to 11:00 and return to worship for communion.

Sunday Service Participants

8:00

10:15

Lector Debbie McDonald
Crucifer
Acolytes

Thurifer
LEMs Susan Sahlman
John Sahlman
Ushers Joanne & Patrick
Justus

Cathy Svitek
Zoey Cox
Robert Svitek and
Ashley Fisher
Lukas Svitek
Bob Wichmann
Cindy Weaver
Greg Gerardis, Ken
Cox, Doug Holmes,
John & Marilyn
Chavez,
Bernie Honey

Altar Guild Shirley Bland, Doyleenne Johnson and Ruthanne England

Coffee Hosts: **8:00** Jill Murch **10:15** Sharon Lexau

Deuteronomy 26: 1-11

Psalms 91: 1-2, 9-16

Romans 10: 8b-13

Luke 4: 1-13

www.lectionarypage.net

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

CCC 10th Year Anniversary Celebration

The Conejo Compassion Coalition 10th Anniversary Dinner is tonight, February 11th from 5:30 to 9:00 PM. Come celebrate with us and help support our work on behalf of the poor throughout the world. We hope that you will help support this outreach to those less fortunate than ourselves.

For additional information on this, and on the CCC in general, see: Merley Greenidge, Jan Lyons, Jill Murch, Linda Coskun, Lynn Malfatti, Cathy Svitek or Bob Bland. (805-498-5682)

Winter Shelter Program at St. Julie's

St. Patrick's will be providing meals for the homeless at St. Julie Billiard Catholic Church in Newbury Park on **Saturday, February 13th**. Please bring an entrée, side, salad or dessert to feed 10-12 people to St. Julie's by 6:00 PM. Volunteer servers are welcome.

Charlie's Chili Cook-off—Sunday, February 14th

The annual Chili Cook-off is Sunday, Feb. 14th at 11:45 AM in Hager Parish Hall. All are welcome to join in the fun. To participate, you will make two batches of chili; one to taste and one to sell in an auction. For all the details and to take part, please contact Robert Galletly. Proceeds benefit the 2016 Dallas Mission Trip.

Church Office Closed

The church office will be closed Monday, February 15th, Presidents' Day.

St. Patrick's License Plate Frames

Free St. Pat's License Plate Frames are available at the back of church.

Wednesday Lenten Opportunities

The five "middle Wednesday" evenings from 6-8 PM we are at King of Glory Lutheran for our **Annual Lenten Program**. (see below)

Please pray about your Lenten devotional practices this year—are the Wednesday opportunities calling your name? Join in either the Wednesday Healing Worship at 10:30 AM or the evening program on Covenant. You could "mix and match" or do both if you wish. Come one, come all. I have a distinct feeling that Lent will bless our parish in a special way this year — let's journey together in faith! Fr. John+

Lenten Program with King of Glory Lutheran Church

Fr. John and Pastor Steve of King of Glory Lutheran Church invite all to a joint five week Lenten program of worship, music and reflection. Gather for supper & fellowship at 6:00 PM followed by the program at 7:00 PM. It all begins Wed., February 17th at King of Glory Lutheran Church, 2500 Borchard Rd, Newbury Park. See Fr. John or contact Pastor Steve of KoG Church at 805-498-4812 for additional info.

38th ANNUAL CONEJO VALLEY CROP WALK—Sunday, March 6th.

Last year, over 400 walkers in the Conejo Valley raised almost \$40,000! Out of that, \$10,000 was shared by Manna, Conejo and Westlake Village Meals on Wheels, and Lutheran Social Services Community Care Center. St. Patrick's Church has been involved since 1978 and we welcome everyone to be involved. Walkers & sponsors can register by picking up a packet after both services every Sunday until the walk on March 6th. Six miles, four miles, or a 20-minute campus stroll at Cal Lutheran University! Registration at CLU Sports Complex begins at noon; the walk starts at 1:00 on Sunday, March 6th. Join us in the walk to help the hungry, here and elsewhere! For more info or to donate online, go to <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/thousandoaksca/Team/View/16918/St-Patricks-Episcopal-Church>, or contact Jill Murch at 805-498-2616 or jillmurch@aol.com

**Winter Shelter Program**

The Winter Shelter Program is now at St. Julie's Catholic Church in Newbury Park through the end of March. St. Pat's serves meals and overnights on the second Saturday of each month. See Bob Bland for more details.

Conejo Compassion Coalition

Visit www.conejocompassion.org or call Bob Bland, 805-498-5682, for more info regarding the CCC.

Manna

Please donate to Manna. Bring your gifts of non-perishable food and hygiene items on Sundays to the front of church.

Mad Attic Thrift Shop

The shop is open Tuesday to Saturday from 10:00 to 4:00. Contact Barbara Powell or Gay Tortorici for information or to volunteer. MA: 805-497-1990. *Please bring donations directly to the MA during open hours.*

Studies & Groups**SPECL**

See Anne Van Cott for information on the St. Patrick's Ladies Group.

The Men's Group

The men's group gathers here for study, spiritual growth and fellowship. Contact Owen at 760-203-2422 for info and meeting times.

Bible Study

The Wed. Night Bible Study Group meets Wed. evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. For information, see Bob Bland or Ray Elizabeth Herkner.

Spiritual Reading Group

Friday's 1-3 PM. Call Ray Elizabeth Herkner for information.

Sunday Bible Discussion

Sunday Bible Study meets from about noon to 1:00 following the 10:15 service for a review of the books of the Bible, starting with the Old Testament. If you are a bit hazy on understanding of the Old Testament lessons, you are invited to join us. Contact Bob Wichmann for more information.

The Day School

Contact the Parish Day School at **805-497-1416** or www.stpatricksdayschool.org

WORD FOR THE DAY

Retire to the center of your being, which is calmness.

PARAMAHANSA
YOGANANDA