

Sept. 17, 2017
The Fifteenth Sunday
After Pentecost



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

	At St. Patrick's	Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ	
Priest	The Rev. George Daisa	Youth Ministry Director	The Rev. George Daisa
Sr. Warden	Anna Merriman	Financial Administrator	Kathryn Walters
Jr. Warden	Debbie McDonald	Parish Administrator	Janet Enriquez
Music Director	Dr. Eric Kinsley	Sexton	Dave Mead
Children's Ministry Director	Patty Buffaloe	St. Patrick's Postulant	KC Robertson

Church office hours: Monday—Thurs from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

A Message from Your Priest

Dear Friends,

I have hit the ground running this last week, preparing for our Kickoff Sunday, September 24. We will gather together for one service at 9:00 am, and celebrate the beginning of a new program year. It is my hope that every member of our community will make their best effort to attend the combined service, so that we can embark on the next chapter of our St. Patrick's journey together.

There is much to be excited about for this next year: new educational programs for all ages, new outreach opportunities, and more chances to deepen our relationships through fellowship and pastoral care. Throughout this year, we will examine how we care for one another, care for our church facilities, and our world through worship, study of Scripture, and action. We will seek new ways to love one another as God first loved us, ultimately expressed through the gift of God's only son, Jesus. God is love, and Jesus is the fullest human expression of that love. The most amazing aspect of God's never ending love towards us is that God has made us – literally put us together – in such a way that we are built for love. We are built for loving. It's easy to forget that most critical aspect of our being as we walk around our world today. The tendency is to put on armor to protect ourselves from the "slings and arrows of outrageous fortune." But Jesus says, through Paul, to put on the "armor of light," that we not be "conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of our minds, that we may prove what is good and acceptable and right," (Romans 12:2).

The First Letter of John tells us the how and why of our transformation in Christ Jesus. First, it tells us that God is love in chapter 4, verse 16. And then it tells us in verse 19 the why: "First we were loved. Now we love." Jesus said, "Love your neighbor as I have loved you," and the Letter of John confirms why we must love one another: because God first loved us. God has built us for loving and being loved. To live any other way is anathema to God's will and intention for us. This is especially poignant for me in light of the sixteenth anniversary this week of 9/11. And so, this year our work will be to practice loving one another, because God first loved us. We will seek to *experience* the love of God in practical and transformative ways. We will work at reflecting the goodness of God inherent within each one of us. And, that's plenty of work for a lifetime!

See you Sunday!

(The Rev.) George Daisa

The Altar Flowers are Dedicated to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Joan Bitting and in Honor of Torben & Gloria Jensen on Their Birthdays

Altar Flowers

Honor a loved one (birthday, anniversary, memorial, etc.) with a floral dedication.

Sign up on the flower chart at the church entrance.

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

Maria Bill, Shirley Bland, Grace Bumstead, The Doran Family, Ana Durkin, Dollie, Eli, Bill Floyd, Ricky Griego, Dominic Horowitz, Miranda Janus, Jim, Milly King, Peggy Lane, Ingrid Loberg, Lynn Malfatti, Marie Manos, Lucy Martin, Rella Martin, Melanie, Bryan Meyers, Mary Ann, Gina Ramos, Maureen Roberts and Laurence Howard, Debbie Rubino, John Spehar, Kathlene Stephens, Evelyn Szpet and Marlana Tietien
KC Robertson,
St. Pat's Postulant and
Ryan Macias for Discernment

Rest of the Soul

Marshall Smith

Family Ministry

Sunday School

Care for preschool children aged 2.5 to pre-kindergarten is available in the sacristy wing. K-5th grade children are welcome to our Sunday School program each Sunday morning. Children gather at the entrance to church at the start of the 10:15 worship to meet with the SS Director, Mrs. Buffaloe, and then process to their classes.

Youth Group

Please contact Fr. George for info regarding St. Pat's Youth Group.

Exodus 14: 19-31

Exodus 15: 1b-11, 20-21

Romans 14: 1-12

Matthew 18: 21-35

www.lectionarypage.net

Kickoff Sunday, Sept. 24

We will worship together as one on Sunday, September 24 at a **single service at 9:00 am** followed by fellowship together in Hager Parish Hall. You are encouraged to invite your friends and neighbors to join you.

Sunday School Kick Off

Join us for Sunday School kickoff on Sunday, September 24. Look for Sunday School Registration Forms for children ages 2 through 11. This Bible based program includes storytelling, art, activities, games, crafts, and opportunities for discussion and fellowship. We also have pageants and other seasonal activities throughout the year. Please see Patty, our Children's Ministry Director, for more information, or you can reach Patty at Pattybuffaloe5@gmail.com or [\(805\) 582-2644](tel:8055822644).

Keyboards

Dr. Eric Kinsley, Music Director at St. Patrick's, offers a free piano recital "Eric Kinsley Keyboards" on Friday, September 22 at 7:30 pm in the church. Come hear selections from Bach, Marcello, Haydn and others, with pieces composed by Eric himself. Donations are welcome in support of *The Arts at St. Pats*.

Do You Sing? Why Not Join the Choir?

All are invited to join the St. Patrick's Choir and lend your voices to the 10:15 worship on Sunday mornings. Rehearsals are held weekly on Wednesday evenings in the music room from 7:30 until 9:00 pm. Please see Dr. Eric Kinsley, St. Patrick's Director of Music Ministry, or a current choir member, for more information. Newcomers and youth members are especially encouraged.

Wednesday Healing Service

Join Fr. George on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. for this weekly Eucharistic celebration with healing prayers.

Sunday Service Participants

8:00 AM

Lector 1 Debbie McDonald
Psalm Bill Tewksbury
Lector 2 Bill Tewksbury
Intercessor Debbie McDonald
Crucifer
Acolytes
LEM 1 Bill Tewksbury
LEM 2
Ushers Joe & Joan Maskrey

10:15 AM

Anna Eaton
 Cindy Weaver
 Cindy Weaver
 John Eaton
 Kayla Cox
 Ashley Fisher
 Cindy Weaver
 Bob Wichmann
 Greg Gerardis
 Doug Holmes
 Bernie Holmes
 Anne Van Cott

Altar Guild: Doylenne Johnson, Debbie McDonald, Ruthanne England and Shirley Bland

Coffee Hosts 8:00: Jack & Carol Shafer
10:15: Jeff & Ken Cox

Homeless Dinner Program

The Homeless Dinner Program serves meals here in Hager Hall on Sunday evenings at 6:00pm through November. Contact Bob or Shirley Bland at 805-498-5682 for more information. Volunteers are always welcome.

Conejo Compassion Coalition

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

Manna

Bring your donations of non-perishable food and hygiene items on Sundays to the baskets in the front of church.

Mad Attic Thrift Shop

The shop is open Tuesday to Saturday from 10:00 to 4:00. Contact Mary Ann Palmquist or Ruthanne England for info or to volunteer. 805-497-1990. Please do not leave donations in the front of the church.

The Order of St. Patrick's

Our OSP ministers provide love and connection in times of need. OSP makes phone calls to those who are ill or shut-in to check in and remind them of our prayers and care. If you wish to join OSP, please call Jill Murch at 805-498-2616. If you know of anyone in need of a call, please call the church office.

Yoga with Karen Daisa

Tuesdays at 10:30 am. \$12 is a suggested donation. Bring a yoga mat (non-toxic, please) and a towel.

Studies & Groups

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

Bible Study

The Wed. Night Bible Study Group meets Wednesday Evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. For information, please see Bob Bland.

The Day School

Contact
 St. Patrick's Parish Day School at
805-497-1416 or
www.stpatricksdayschool.org