

Sept. 24, 2017  
The Sixteenth 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,

The Spirit of God is stirring in this place! It must be repeated: The Spirit of God is moving in this place, thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia!

As the Wednesday Healing Service folks can attest, I can hardly contain my excitement for the beginning of our new program year, which we **kick-off this Sunday, September 24, with a combined service at 9:00 am.** Sunday School kicks off its new year this Sunday! We will have Fellowship in a new way this Sunday! There is so much for which we are thankful, and it's all thanks to God!

God is busy working grace and new life into the cracks and crevices of our hearts, and with God's Spirit comes hope. Hope that our wildest dreams will come true. Hope that comes from "streams of living waters, springing from eternal love," (*Glorious things of Thee are spoken*, Hymn 523). Hope which is not a beggar, but which calls us into the richness of *becoming* the you and me we were created to be! That hope is being translated into concrete action as so many of you bring your talents for business, finance, vision, creativity, hospitality, compassion, organization, and boldness, and your commitment to the work of revitalizing every aspect of this parish, and God is honoring our efforts with blessings beyond our imagination.

***Still, the message of God to us and for us is "Keep going!"***

"Be not lax in celebrating. Be not lazy in the festive service of God. Be ablaze with enthusiasm. Let us be a burning offering before the altar of God!" Hildegard of Bingen, twelfth century Christian mystic and visionary, gave fuller expression to God's encouraging words to us, "Keep going," and that's what we intend to do. Beginning this Sunday, we will embark on a new year of expanding educational programs, particularly in education for Children and Youth, but also adult Christian education offerings. And we will launch and develop new ministries, particularly in Pastoral Care and Fellowship, where we will seek deeper ways to love and care for one another. We will create new opportunities to serve one another and the world in the name of Christ through renewed and intentional mission. Together, we will burn brightly with the fire of God so that everyone who worships, serves and loves here in this place will know first-hand the power of God's love. This year, we will learn to better love one another and the world because God first loved us. Come and see what God is busy doing here, and join God in the good work.

See you Sunday!

(The Rev.) George Daisa

**The Altar Flowers are  
Dedicated to the Glory of God  
and in Celebration  
of the Old and New Ministries  
We Kick Off Today**

#### 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, Marie Manos, Lucy Martin, Rella Martin, Melanie, Bryan Meyers, Mary Ann, Gina Ramos, Maureen Roberts and Lawrence Howard, Debbie Rubino, Kathlene Stephens, John Stephenson, Evelyn Szpet, Paul Teagle 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-5<sup>th</sup> 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 16: 2-15  
Psalm 105: 1-6, 37-45**

**1 John 4: 7-19**

**Matthew 20: 1-16**

[www.lectionarypage.net](http://www.lectionarypage.net)

**KEYBOARDS - Friday, Sept. 22 at 7:30 in Church**

Dr. Eric Kinsley will play a concert of repertoire for the harpsichord, organ, and piano. It will feature works by Bach, Marcello, Del Aguila, and Haydn. The concert is free, but a free will offering is welcome to support the *Arts at St. Pats*.

**Kickoff Sunday, Sept. 24 - Worship at 9:00 am**

We come together to worship as one this Sunday, September 24 at 9:00 am in a single service followed by fellowship in the labyrinth courtyard. You are encouraged to invite your friends and neighbors to join you in attending this special start to our new program year.

**Sunday School Kick Off**

Join us for Sunday School kickoff 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](mailto:Pattybuffaloe5@gmail.com) or (805) 582-2644.

**Sr. High Youth Group – 2nd & 4th Sundays at 4 pm**

All Sr. High youth (grades 9-12) are invited to gather every other Sunday at 4 pm in the church for fellowship, study and fun. Fr. George will facilitate the group, but leadership will come from the youth. Emphasis will be placed on building a Beloved Community through fellowship, fun and service.

**Bishop Bruno Farewell Reception**

**Saturday, October 14, 10 am – 1 pm – St. Patrick's Church**

Deaneries 1 & 2 will come together at St. Patrick's to celebrate the ministries of Bishop J. Jon Bruno and Mary Bruno. Bishop Bruno is retiring in December, and this is an opportunity to say goodbye to the Bruno's and share in celebration of forty years of ministry to the Diocese of Los Angeles. Curate Jon Bruno came to St. Patrick's as his first post as priest back in the mid-1970's, so it is especially poignant that he will make a stop here on his Farewell Tour.

**2018 Annual Pledge Drive Begins October 8 – November 5**

It's time again to recommit to the mission and work of St. Patrick's by making a pledge to support the ministries and operations of your church. Your pledge is a covenant - a mutual promise - between you, God and your church community to support the operations of the church, as well as the ministries of Pastoral Care, Fellowship, Formation and Outreach, through your pledge of "time, talent and treasure." During this month, prayerfully consider your commitment to St. Pat's, and **return your pledge cards by Sunday, October 29, so they may be included in our Annual Pledge Ingathering on All Saints' Sunday, November 5.** Thank you for the generous gift of you!

**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  
Kickoff Sunday, Sept. 24**

**9:00 AM**

<b>Lector 1</b>	Amelia Daisa
<b>Psalm</b>	Jan Lyons
<b>Lector 2</b>	Jan Lyons
<b>Intercessor</b>	Bob Bland
<b>Crucifer</b>	Amy Buffaloe
<b>Acolytes</b>	Erik Svitek Christine Buffaloe
<b>LEM 1</b>	Jan Lyons
<b>LEM 2</b>	Bill Tewksbury
<b>Ushers</b>	Greg Gerardis, Ken Cox Doug Holmes, Bernie Honey Anne Van Cott

**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](http://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](http://www.stpatricksdayschool.org)