

The Chimes

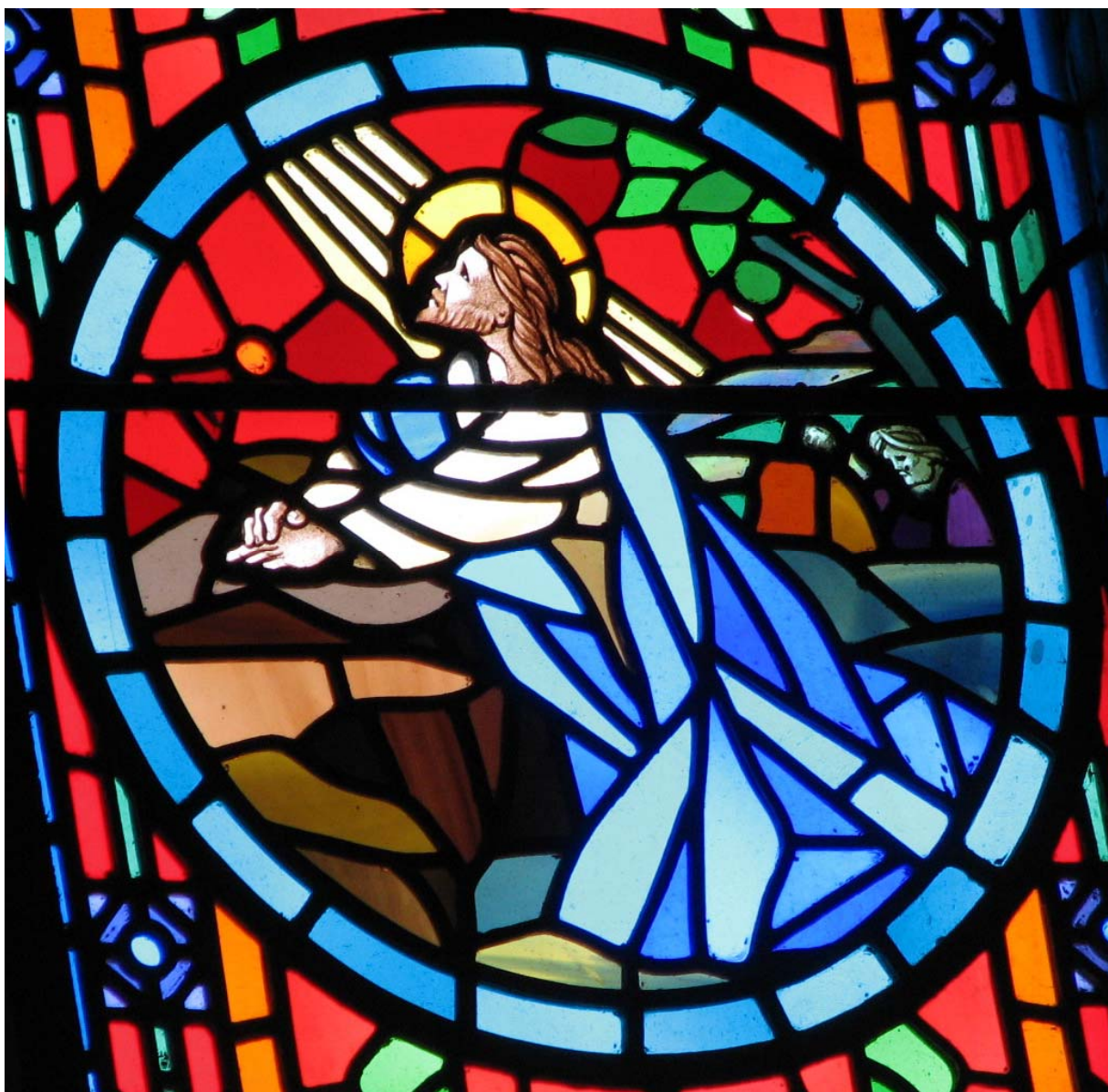
of Saint Athanasius Parish

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Our Mission

*“Do this in memory of Me.”
We, the members of the
Catholic Community of
St. Athanasius Parish,
are each called by baptism
to continue the work of
Jesus Christ embracing all.
We aspire to worship, love,
thank and serve God.
We are open to what
God calls us to become.*

Lent 2008 - Revisiting My Gift of Being Catholic:
Knowing, Showing, and Living My Easter Faith



Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane - “Remain here and keep watch with me.”

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

MARCH 16, 2008

Eucharistic Liturgies

March 16 - 23, 2008

Sunday

- 5:00 pm (Saturday) † Joe & Marian McGowan
- 8:00 am † Mirek Jahoda
- 9:30 am † Norman F. Lawrence
- 11:30 am † Joan Kelly
- 5:00 pm † Rose Schuba

Monday

- 6:30 am † Elaine McChesney
- 8:15 am † Lesson & Cederborg Families

Tuesday

- 6:30 am † Sally Elam
- 8:15 am † Brian Hughes

Wednesday

- 6:30 am † Joan Kelly
- 8:15 am † Sister Dorothy Marie Peschon, R.S.M.

Holy Thursday

- 9:00 am Morning Prayer
- 7:30 pm Liturgy of the Lord's Supper (Adoration)

Good Friday

- 9:00 am Morning Prayer
- 3:00 pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday

- 9:00 am Morning Prayer
- 12:00 pm Blessing of Easter Baskets
- 7:30 pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday

- 8:00 am † Ann & Sam Ignoffo
- 9:30 am † Grace Achebe
- 11:30 am † Carl Sotir
- 5:00 pm No Mass



Easter Liturgy Schedule

Passion (Palm) Sunday March 16

Palms blessed and distributed at all Masses.

Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:30 AM, 5:00 PM

Holy Thursday March 20

Morning Prayer 9:00 AM

Liturgy of the Lord's Supper 7:30 PM

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight.

Good Friday March 21

Morning Prayer 9:00 AM

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 3:00 PM

Holy Saturday March 22

Morning Prayer 9:00 AM

Blessing of Easter Baskets Noon

Easter Vigil 7:30 PM

Easter Sunday March 23

Liturgies 8:00, 9:30, 11:30 AM

No 5:00 PM Mass

OFFERTORY COLLECTION REPORT

Offertory for March 8/9 \$7,989
New Foundation of Hope \$2,387

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

This Week: Lenten Charity:
Kristin Lietz

Holy Thursday: AIDS Pastoral Care
Good Friday: Holy Land Shrines

Next Week: Easter



The Struggle for Human Rights in El Salvador

Leslie Schuld, Director of the Center for Interchange and Solidarity in El Salvador will speak **TODAY**, Sunday March 16 from 3:30 to 4:45 pm in the Parish House Dining Room. This is a rare opportunity to hear of the conditions and efforts first hand in the land of Bishop Romero. There will be refreshments.

Calling All Cars!

It's that rummage time of year. April 19 is the date for our beloved Rummage Sale. If you or anyone you know is about to donate a car for a tax write-off, please contact Judy Callans at (847) 401-9049.

Pastor's Notes

Cover Story VI

“My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet, not as I will, but as you will.” In today’s telling of the Passion, as Jesus struggles with choosing his imminent betrayal and death, **Matthew keeps us in that garden** for a long time, along with Peter, James and John. (*Matt.26:36-46*)

On **The Chimes cover**, Judas approaches as Jesus prays. You can find this scene **behind the altar in the left panel**, second window from the bottom, just above last week’s scene with Martha and Mary. Meditate on this moment with Jesus.

During this Holy Week, we might visit the **Stations of the Cross** which encircle us on the church walls as a visceral reminder of what Jesus endured in his passionate desire to show us the way to eternal life.

Our church windows inspire an **alternate prayerful spiritual journey** during Holy Week which recalls Christ’s passion and death. You can begin by following the lower windows on the Ashland Avenue, east aisle side, beginning with the sixth window from the sanctuary. We pick up illustrations of the Apostles’ Creed in the upper medallion with Christ’s “suffering under Pontius Pilate.” The chalice and cross recall Jesus’ affirmation, “... not my will but yours be done.” The jug and bowl recall Pilate’s hand washing denial of responsibility for the Lord’s death. The seventh window continues the story of the Suffering Servant with the whip and crown of thorns.

“He was crucified...” is represented in the eighth window by the three nails along with the ladder and the sponge reminding us of the soldiers’ attempt to give Jesus the bitter wine. Finally, the ninth window’s cross and burial tomb recalls that Christ “died and was buried.” **Other depictions of Jesus’ crucifixion** are found in the center window behind the altar, second panel from the bottom, and in the “Mary window” in the rear, between the organ, where Mary, John, and Mary Magdalene are at the cross.

The story of Jesus’ unquenchable love literally surrounds us.

A Time To Grow Decision

During the past year, a work group of dedicated parishioners has diligently investigated the feasibility of pursuing some projects that would benefit our parish. Three possibilities emerged: 1) Do the necessary repairs to preserve our beautiful church building, and establish a fund for future parish building maintenance; 2) Revisit the hope to construct a Gathering/Fellowship building which would connect our church with our gym-school facility; and 3) Add to the footprint of our parish property by purchasing the lot-sized parcel we call Lindley Park.

This work group, which came to be known as **A Time To Grow Committee**, was asked to provide our Parish Pastoral Council with a recommendation on how to proceed with these three possibilities. As they continued their investigation, the cost estimates for the repair of the church rose dramatically to 2.2 million dollars. To get an accurate sense of how parishioners would respond to these projects and to gauge our level of potential financial support, the Committee engaged the services of Foley Consulting to conduct in-depth interviews with 77 parishioners. From these interviews, our consultants concluded that while parishioners would be generous in their financial response to parish needs, especially in supporting the necessary repairs to our church, the reasonable financial potential of a capital campaign would not cover the estimated cost of all three projects. Choices had to be made.

After extended discussion of the possible options, A Time To Grow Committee recommended to the Parish Council that we proceed at this time with a campaign to raise funds for church repairs and for acquiring Lindley Park. Last Sunday, **the Parish Pastoral Council members accepted this recommendation as one that best promotes the overall good and unity of St. Athanasius Parish.** They are Andrea Sorensen, Bob Doyle, Nadine DiVito, Shamus Hanlon, Rob Natke, Ken Pywell, and Fran Wiechart.

I have accepted their recommendation to proceed with a capital campaign to raise funds for church repairs and for acquiring Lindley Park. These are goals I am confident our parish can reach. If you wish to be part of a leadership team which is being organized to accomplish these goals, please let me know.

I am very grateful for all the selfless work of those who made this decision possible. Thank you! I know that many questions remain. After Easter we can begin to provide more information. May this Easter time bless us with a confidence that will build up our parish.

In the Lord’s Blessings,

Fr. Tom Libera

Holy Thursday Food Drive

Non-perishable items such as peanut butter, beans, canned meats and fish, pasta, tea and coffee are appreciated. Donations will be collected in the bin in the church for the Hemenway United Methodist Food Pantry.

Book Club

The Saint Athanasius Book Club will meet on March 19 at 7:30 pm in the Fitzgerald Center. We will be discussing Isabel Allende's book, *Paula*. Anyone who has read the book and would like to participate in the discussion is welcome to join us.

Palm Sunday Afternoon Film

We will be showing the documentary film *The Power of Forgiveness*, directed by Martin Doblemeier **TODAY**, Sunday, March 16 at 3pm in the Fitzgerald Chapel. Hailed as the best film at the Sundance Film Festival, *The Power of Forgiveness* explores the topic of forgiveness in a variety of faith traditions and from a scientific perspective as well. Mr. Doblemeier, a Roman Catholic, is a veteran maker of documentaries with spiritual themes such as *Bonhoeffer*, about a well-known German pastor who resisted the Nazis, and *Final Blessing*, a film about the spiritual issues of the terminally ill. The film is suitable for middle school children as well as adults so feel free to bring children of that age to the film. We will have a discussion following the film at 5pm. Please feel free to come just for the screening or both screening and discussion.

Outreach Ministry of the Week

Ministry of Mothers Sharing

Mission: To form a formal peer ministry for all mothers to help put mothers in touch with their inner wisdom and gifts. It affirms who the mother is as a person while increasing her spiritual growth and confidence in this important, lifelong role.



Activities: Discussion sessions, based on a series of 6–8 “lessons” developed by Sr. Paula Hagan, focus on a woman’s personal and spiritual growth. The ministry validates mothers as persons with gifts to share and develop, and stresses the importance of their relationships with family, peers and God. It supports friendship on a deep level.

The wisdom of experienced mothers is needed both in the role of facilitator and participant.

Contact: Mary Rooney, (847) 492-9679
rooneymb@sbcglobal.net

Soup Kitchen

Our next monthly soup kitchen outreach opportunity will be **Thursday, March 27**, at First United Methodist Church, 1630 Hinman Avenue, 4:30-7:30 pm (meal served at 6:00). Contact Karen Ryan 332-1850, Kris Koenig-Morel 475-2104 or Christine Carlson 869-4160.

Please Remember In Your Prayers...

The sick and their caregivers, especially **Helene Joelo**, **Ursula Peghini**, **Pawel Chlipala**, **Victoria Nichols**, **Mary Rhee**, **Annie Beck**, **Mary Penak**, mother of Kathy Penak, **George Gordon**, **Lisa Croke**, sister-in-law of Colleen Tosti, former parishioner **Diane Bergquist**; **Paul Mooney**, nephew of Nancy & Bob Doyle,

Those in the military, especially **Petty Officer 3rd Class Ryan Olsen** and **PFC Kyle Olsen**, grandsons of Jane and Emmitt Ingram; and **Matthew Chrobak**, nephew of Eric Harkna and Tonise Paul;

Those who have died, especially **James Wilson**, father of Tim Wilson, **Paula Educate**, **Mary Wood**, mother of Mary Jane Wood, and **Kevin Langworthy**, son of James and Nancy Langworthy.

PLEASE NOTE: Names of the Sick recommended to our prayers will remain in the bulletin for **one month**. If you wish their names to remain beyond that time, please call the parish office.

Lenten Charities 2008

March 16 Kristin Lietz – Missionary Work in Mexico

Holy Thursday AIDS Pastoral Care Network

Good Friday Holy Land Shrines



March 20 - AIDS Pastoral Care Network

As the HIV epidemic expands within our neighborhoods, people of faith are evermore called to respond with passion and compassion to end the experience of isolation and stigma among HIV positive members of their communities. Likewise, faith communities must contribute the wisdom and spirit of faith to efforts to stem the tide of HIV infections. Founded in 1985, AIDS Pastoral Care Network works from an interfaith and intercultural perspective to support the spiritual health and growth of individuals and communities affected by HIV/AIDS through pastoral care, outreach, education and training, and the promotion of social justice.

March 21 - Holy Land Shrines

Few places in the world are as precious to Catholics as those where Jesus Christ, Our Savior, walked and taught, lived and died. Our Good Friday collection helps maintain the ancient shrines in the Holy Land and supports the ministry of the Franciscans who have custody of these Holy Places. They also assist the Christians who struggle to survive in a land often torn by conflict.

Palm Sunday

Perhaps nothing hurts more in this world than the sting of betrayal. We place our trust and confidence in others, only to learn at some point that they have turned their backs on us, most often to better themselves in some way. It may be as simple as a shared secret between friends revealed to others, or as difficult as a spouse having become unfaithful to his or her wedding vows. Betrayal is pain, and is almost irreversible.

In today's Gospel reading from Matthew, we can learn an important lesson regarding betrayal. Jesus calmly tells his disciples as they prepare the Passover meal that one of them will betray him. We do not know the motivation of Judas' act, but can learn from Jesus' acceptance that even among those closest to us, there is a potential for betrayal, but it is all part of a grander plan. We pray for trust in others, but also to accept God's will.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that the very time of Christ's Passion is when the ugliness of betrayal most manifests itself. From Judas to the once-faithful crowds calling for his death to Peter's denial and the other disciples fleeing in fear, betrayal is everywhere. And yet the resurrection to come will ultimately forgive these sins (CCC 1851). To live as Christ, we too must learn to forgive those who may have betrayed us.

Parish Calendar

Sunday, March 16

Family Program, 9 am-Noon, School
Athletics 1-5 pm, Gym
The Power of Forgiveness, 3 pm, Fitzgerald Chapel
El Salvador Speaker, 3:30 pm, Dining Room
Men's Basketball, 7-9 pm, Gym

Monday, March 17

Athletics, 3:30-10 pm, Gym

Tuesday, March 18

Mom & Tots, 10 am, Rosemeyer
Athletics, 3:30-9 pm, Gym
Brownies, #2466, 3:30-5 pm, Hartke
Brownies, #882, 3:30 pm, Teen Room
Cub Scout Pack 31, 7-9 pm, Gym
School Board, 7 pm, Hartke

Wednesday, March 19

Spiritual Growth, 9 am, Fitzgerald Chapel
Athletics, 3:30-9 pm, Gym
Chess, 6-8 pm, Lunchroom
RCIA, 7-9 pm, Fitzgerald Chapel
FDC, 7:30 pm, Hartke
Choir, 7:30 pm, Church
Men's Basketball, 9-11 pm, Gym

Thursday, March 20

Athletics, 3:30-10 pm, Gym
Daisy Scouts #1550, 3:30-4:45 pm, Lunchroom

Friday, March 21

Athletics, 3:30-10 pm, Gym

Saturday, March 22

Athletics, 8 am-2 pm, Gym

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100 Janice Moore-Rivas	123 Mary Lietz
101 School Office	124 Lori Goszczyński
103 Fr. Sztorc	125 Steve Carson
105 Marion Amling	129 Bridget Hotchkiss
111 Fr. Libera	130 Carolyn Groves
114 José Moreno	142 Barbara Bonier
115 Susan Castagna	143 Karen Sellers

Weekday Servers March 17 - 22

8:15 am Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday
Therese & Paul Cushing
Thursday/Friday/Saturday
TBD

Liturgical Ministers

Next Weekend March 22/23

7:30 pm Saturday Easter Vigil

Presider Fr. Sztorc
Lectors Amy Fischl, Bill Harmon,
Robert Coats, Jane Carney

Servers TBD

Eucharistic Ministers
RCIA Team Members

8:00 am

Presider Fr. Sztorc
Lector Steve Carlson
Servers TBD

Eucharistic Ministers
TBD - Please sign up in the
Lincoln Street Vestry

9:30 am

Presider Fr. Libera
Lector Chris Talbot
Servers TBD

Eucharistic Ministers
TBD - Please sign up in the
Lincoln Street Vestry

11:30 am

Presider Fr. Sztorc
Lector Sheila Fenn
Servers TBD
Eucharistic Ministers
TBD - Please sign up in
Lincoln Street Vestry

5:00 pm Sunday

No Mass

Readings for the Week of March 16, 2008

Sunday: Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/
Mt 26:14--27:66 or 27:11-54

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Rv 1:5-8/
Lk 4:16-21
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:
Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13-53:12/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1-19:42

Saturday: Vigil: Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Gn 22:1-18
or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ex 14:15-15:1/
Is 54:5-14/Is 55:1-11/Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4/
Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Rom 6:3-11/Mt 28:1-10

Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/
Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10

Working with the Scriptures

March 16, 2008 (*Mt. 26:14-27:66*)

Life, death and resurrection. We find it in every one of the four Gospels. It has been the subject of novels, depicted on stage and screen, artists have painted and sculpted its figures and music has been composed about this event that is at the same time both compelling and terrifying. Why? Perhaps because the story is universal. At its heart, it is also *our* story...

The first time I visited her was the day after her surgery. The doctors had removed a large tumor from her abdomen. She was still groggy from the anesthesia and was having trouble figuring out what day it was or even why she was in the hospital at all. Her mood was sullen. She was confused and angry and it showed. Three days later, I visited her again. This time I was greeted with a wide smile of welcome and an invitation to sit and visit. She remembered my having been there before, but wasn't really sure how long ago that had been. Where on my first visit she had been ready to die, now she was ready to live. Life, death and resurrection.

Tom really liked his job. The hours were long and the work was hard, but he enjoyed what he was doing. Besides, he had a wife and family and the job paid well. Every morning he got up, grabbed a cup of coffee and headed for the train to take him into town. And then one day everything stopped. The company had been bought out; his job was being eliminated. It all happened so fast. One day he had a job and the next day he didn't. But then the company's Director of Human Resources called to tell him that not only was the company offering him a substantial benefits package, but there was a good chance that he might be hired by the acquiring organization, if he was willing to relocate. Life, death and resurrection.

On Palm Sunday we listen to Matthew tell us the story – and it is *our* story – because our God has gone there before us. Life, death and resurrection...

Vinal Van Benthem

St. Francis Hospital

Weight Loss Surgery Discussion

St. Francis Hospital, 355 Ridge in Evanston, will offer a free discussion, "A Gentle Surgical Approach to Obesity," with acclaimed laparoscopic and bariatric surgeon, Dr. Constantine Frantzides, on Saturday, April 5 in Wolf Auditorium, from 10:00 am to Noon. The discussion is free and open to the public. Registration is highly recommended, as space is limited. To register, call 1-877-RES-INFO (1-877-737-4636).

"New Lay Movements and the Lay Consecrated Life"

Mary Maher (*Regnum Christi*)

Explore new vocations for the New Evangelization: Lay Communities, Lay Apostolic Movements, Lay Consecrated Life. Sunday, March 30, from noon to 1:30 pm, at St. Catherine Laboure, 3535 Thornwood, Glenview. For more information, call (847) 729-1414. There is no charge for this event and refreshments will be served.

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Wednesday - Friday 4:30-6:30 pm
Saturday 10 am-4 pm; Sunday 10 am-1 pm

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Chimes Articles

The deadline for submitting information to the parish office is Friday at Noon, **10 days prior to publication date**. Best method is to email the document as an attachment to chimes@stathanasius-evanston.org.

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Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

is a several-month process for an adult wishing to become a Catholic through the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) or through a Profession of Faith. These rites are celebrated at the Easter Vigil. Please contact Fr. Rich Sztorc.

Infant Baptism

is generally celebrated on the first and third Sundays of the month at 1:00 pm in the Church. The Baptism Preparation Program for parents and godparents, if possible, is held each month. Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

Confirmation

preparation begins in the middle of 7th grade and is celebrated during the winter of 8th grade. For adult/high school confirmation, call the Religious Education Office.

The Eucharist

is brought to the homebound by Care Ministers. Arrangements are made by calling Lori Goszczynski. First Eucharist preparation for children begins in 1st grade and is celebrated in the spring of 2nd grade.

Matrimony

arrangements are made by contacting one of the priests at the Parish Office. Arrangements a year in advance allow for adequate reservation time, participation in marriage preparation programs and liturgical planning.

Anointing of the Sick

is celebrated in the Fall during a communal celebration. Special requests for this sacrament can be arranged by calling the Parish Office.

Reconciliation

is celebrated on Saturdays, after the 8:15 am Eucharist until 9:30 am, in the sacristy near the front doors of the Church during the Holy Hour. Communal Reconciliation Services are held during Advent and Lent.



How could there be a St. Pat's Party without the Shannon Rovers?