



Paul Loop Named Youth Coordinator

Recently named Youth Ministry Coordinator for St. Patrick Church, Paul Loop is looking forward to his duties as facilitator in the planning and supervision of the parish's youth programs for students in grades 7 through 12 and in providing guidance for the youth's spirituality as well as social and service activities. His team of adult leaders include his wife Katy, Patty Fleming, Amy McElvain and Cheryl Ventuacci—all of whom, along with Paul, have been instrumental in keeping the youth programs going following the permanent move of former coordinators Paul and Bernadette Nelson to California.

Paul Loop began his tenure with a youth meeting held at the Loop residence on Sat., Nov. 2. "We had a really good turnout," he said. "I was very happy with it." Eighteen young people discussed upcoming events in which they are anticipated to participate. These include preparing gift tags for the annual Angel Tree; assisting members of St. Pat's Ladies Guild with the Christmas food collection initiated near the end of Nov. for the holidays; and helping set up, serve and clean up for the parish's Christmas party set for Sun., Dec. 14, this year and, for the first time, in the new parish hall.

The teens are also expected to volunteer at the Fallon Daily Bread

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YOUTH MINISTRY COORDINATOR—Paul Loop has been selected as St. Patrick Church's Youth Coordinator. He will be assisted in his work by a youth team consisting of his wife Katy and fellow team leaders Patty Fleming, Amy McElvain, and Cheryl Venturacci.

Extension \$75,000 Grant Received

Congratulating St. Patrick Church and its parishioners for meeting the matching challenge amount for the *Preserving Our Past ~ Ensuring Our Future with Christ as Center* fundraising campaign, Catholic Extension Mission Department recently notified Mike Quilici, Director of Development and Stewardship for the Diocese of Reno, and Jane Moon, St. Pat's Build Out Project Facilitator, of the award of a \$75,000 grant toward the new parish hall building fund.

"Our efforts toward the challenge which Catholic Extension offered us has been officially deemed successful," Jane said. "Congratulations to everyone for your hard work, efforts and contributions."

St. Patrick Church had to raise a minimum of \$150,000 since Jan. of this year in order to receive the grant monies which were electronically paid in early Nov.

"We now move forward to our third, and, hopefully, final parish-wide and 'alumni' campaign to bring us to the final stages of our fundraising efforts to pay for the new parish hall and campus improvements," Jane stat-

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YOUTH MEETING—Eighteen parish youth gathered at the Loop residence Sat., Nov. 2, for an informal meeting to talk about their involvement in youth ministries/activities during the coming year. Pictured is Paul Loop, newly hired youth coordinator for St. Pat's, as he gets the meeting underway. A bonfire/social in the backyard followed. *Photo: Katy Loop*

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on the last Mon. of every month (St. Pat's assigned day).

From the Parish Council Chair

Paul Loop has worked a long time helping and training our youth as altar servers. He has a special gift: he likes our kids and our kids like Paul! Paul also has a most important qualification: a deep and active faith. For the months previous to the Youth Ministry Coordinator application deadline, he prayed for discernment to know if he was being called and chosen to fill this vital position. Paul also brings with him a very capable and dedicated youth leadership team. His wife Katy will be by his side along with Patty Fleming, Amy McElvain and Cheryl Venturacci—all of whom have great experience working with our youth and are very eager to get started this year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our parishioners for their generous support of Sept.'s *On Fire Nor-Cal Jam* youth retreat. Through your beneficence our youth raised \$996 at their bake sale. Donations from individuals and the 3rd and 4th degree Knights brought the grand total to \$1,596! God bless our Youth Ministry Coordinator, the youth leadership team and all our young people at St. Patrick's!

Pete Larson



WORKING PASTOR—A parishioner captured Father Tony at work in the parish's new parking lot as he swept debris from the drainage channel. It was his day off! God bless you, Father Tony!

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ed. "We need your help and support in meeting our overall construction goal."

Including the \$75,000 Catholic Extension grant the total amount of funds either pledged or already collected thus far is \$1,238,536. Another \$686,464 is needed to complete the entire project (both Phase I and Phase II) and pay back the \$500,000 loan from the Diocese of Reno.

For questions or more information, he/she is asked to call Build Out Project Facilitator Jane Moon, 423-6983.

Synod "Listening Sessions" Nov. 18 and Nov. 23

The 2nd Diocesan Synod of Reno, *Together—Where The Spirit Leads*, will occur Dec. 3, 4 and 5, 2015. In the next several months members of the Preparatory Commission will visit parishes within the Diocese of Reno to gather input from northern Nevada Catholics in "listening sessions."

St. Patrick Church is scheduled for **listening sessions** on **Tues., Nov. 18, 6 p.m.**, conducted in English. The Spanish session will be held on **Sun., Nov. 23, after the 12:30 p.m. Mass**. Both will take place in the church.

The Diocese of Reno Synod will bring together people from the en-

tire Catholic community including priests, deacons, parish staff members, lay parish leaders, parishioners, and representatives of religious communities and lay groups to discuss the vision for the diocese. To quote the synod's website at <http://renosynod2015.org>, "The Synod, and the sessions leading to it, should be a wonderful and exciting Spirit-led process that will give the diocese a clearer direction of priorities. Diocesan Synod delegates nominated by St. Patrick's parishioners and selected to attend the 2015 event include Joanne Berg, Dave Cornell, Tom and Patty Fleming, and Danette Laca.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Nov. 27-28—Thurs.-Fri.—Thanksgiving holiday—Parish office closed

Dec. 8—Mon.—Immaculate Conception—Holy Day of Obligation—Masses at 10 am & 6 pm

Dec. 14—Sun.—St. Pat's Christmas Party—New parish hall