



SPCC Happenings



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New Parish Council Members Start Two-Year Terms

The three newly elected parish council members—Bill Crooks, Teri Funsch and Jeannette Hale—officially began their duties at the February 27th parish council meeting which took place in the parish hall. They fill the vacancies left by Nancy Balash, Dennis Mills and Jim Shurtliff whose two year terms had expired at the end of January.

Also serving on the parish council (for their second year) are Anne Bloomfield, Monica Breitenbach, Andrew Campbell, and Lorraine Melanson. Alicia Centeno and Paul Loop serve in appointed positions.

Bill Crooks moved to Nevada in 1983 with his family “and the next day we started going to St. Patrick’s” which he said “was a big part of my childhood and always home to me.” In 1988 he became a boy scout in the church’s Boy Scout Troop 442, earning Eagle Scout in 1992 and eventually serving as a scoutmaster. As a participant



Bill Crooks

in the parish’s youth group, Bill attended World Youth Day in Denver in 1993 and traveled to Mexico several times in different years in order to build houses for the poor. He is a member of the Tuesday evening Bible Study which his dad, Deacon Wayne, facilitates, and has taken part in the Diocese of Reno’s Lay Ministry Leadership Formation. For the last 20 years Bill has been a drafter and

surveyor at NAS Fallon’s range.

Although serving on the parish council is a new experience for Bill, he is looking forward to the challenges it will bring. “I enjoy working and solving problems,” he stated.

Born in Indiana and raised in California, Teri came to Nevada because of the military. In 2008 she converted to Catholicism and has been involved with St. Patrick’s choirs, has served as a teacher with the church’s religious education program, and, with Connie Knoll, has co-led Women of Grace at the parish. Teri is currently employed with the Churchill County School District as a fifth grade instructor at Numa Elementary.



Teri Funsch

Teri views her role as a member of the parish council as one of encouraging St. Patrick’s pastor and bringing the concerns of the parishioners to the group for its consideration.

Raised in Reno and, during her married life, living in many areas of the state and country, Jeannette arrived in Fallon in 2008 with her husband, Alan, and has been a member of St. Patrick’s for 10 years, serving as secretary at the parish office



Jeannette Hale

from May of 2013 to May of 2018.

Jeannette believes her role as a member of the parish council is representing St. Patrick’s parishioners, contributing to the parish’s improvement, and, along with the other council members, serving as a consultant to the church’s pastor.

Congratulations to Bill, Teri and Jeannette on their election to St. Patrick’s parish council! May the Lord guide you and the other members to compassion, understanding and wisdom as you fulfill your responsibilities this year!

Parish Council Officers

The parish council of St. Patrick’s chose its 2019 officers who are:

- Chair—Bill Crooks
- Vice Chair—Lorraine Melanson
- Secretary—Jeannette Hale

The parish council currently meets on the last Wednesday of every month at 6 p.m. in the parish hall. Parishioners are always welcome to attend.

Thank you ♥ to the outgoing members whose two-year terms expired: Nancy Balash, Dennis Mills, and Jim Shurtliff. Your dedication and service to the parish is deeply appreciated.

Annual Festival Date Set

St. Patrick’s parish council has set the date for the parish’s annual festival as Sat., Aug. 17th. Parishioners are asked to mark their calendars for this important fundraising event to benefit the building fund and consider volunteering to help with the day’s many tasks. If you are ready to sign up as a volunteer, contact the parish office at 423-2846 or stop by at 375 Tedford Lane, Fallon, during normal working hours. It is not too soon to start planning!

KofC Host Corned Beef/Cabbage Dinner

The local Knights of Columbus is holding its annual corned beef/cabbage dinner on Sat., March 16, to celebrate St. Patrick’s Day. Tickets, available at the door as well as from your favorite Knight, are \$12 per person. The event starts at 6 p.m. and will include a no-host bar. The dinner will consist of corned beef, cabbage, boiled potatoes, and carrots with cookies and ice cream for dessert. A keg of free beer will be available along with coffee and water. Proceeds benefit the Knights.

YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

Bill Crooks—Chair
 Lorraine Melanson—Vice Chair
 Jeannette Hale—Secretary
 Anne Bloomfield
 Monica Breitenbach
 Andrew Campbell
 Alicia Centeno
 Teri Funsch
 Paul Loop

YOUR PARISH PASTOR

Father Antonio Quijano, Jr.

YOUR PARISH DEACONS

Kurt Carlson, M.D.
 Ron Cherry
 Wayne Crooks

YOUR PARISH STAFF

JoAnn Luiz—Office Manager
 Office Secretaries:
 Ginny Dugan & Judy Price

Colleen Sabatino
 Hal & MaryAnn Wandvik
 Volunteer Office Assistants

Judy Carlson
 Volunteer General Assistant

KC Carlson—Custodian

Judy Northrup
 Religious Education Coordinator

Paul Loop
 Youth Coordinator

Vernon Funsch
 RCIA Coordinator

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Story Behind Prayer Garden Gate Explained



For several months the prayer garden, located between the back of St. Patrick's Church and the southern wall of the parish hall, has been protected by a metal gate at its entrance on the prayer garden's east side. The gate was designed, built and installed by Dan Munoz and his son Andy, a process they described as taking one year to complete.

"The hardest part was getting the design right," Dan observed. "We looked at a million gates. We wanted (the prayer garden gate) to be extraordinary."

According to Dan, the cathedral shape of the gate as a whole represents praying hands. The oval on the left is a depiction of the Blessed Mother holding her son Jesus, while

the right oval displays the image found on the back of the miraculous medal. Both honor Christ's mother and help to recognize St. Patrick's recent dedication last June to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. At the bottom of the gate the metal work is shaped into a heart to symbolize that God is Love.

Alexander Mechanical in Reno performed the required plasma work which is a method of cutting metal that helped create the oval features of the gate.

If you haven't already done so, take a close look at the beautiful craftsmanship of the gate that graces the entrance to St. Patrick's prayer garden. As the months progress additional efforts will be made to beautify the area for meditative use of St. Patrick's parishioners.



Capital Campaign Launched March 6

St. Patrick's capital campaign to retire the church's debt to the Diocese of Reno for its loan to build the \$1.8 million parish hall was launched on March 6. Letters with enclosed pledge commitment forms were sent to parishioners earlier in the week. The remaining debt amounts to approximately \$366,000 with the terms of the interest-free loan ending Dec. 31, 2021. Parishioners are asked to consider making pledges and submitting the completed forms to the parish office no later than Good Friday, April 19. If you have any questions call the parish office at 423-2846. Thank you for your generous support!

St. Patrick's CSA Goal

Parishioners recently received letters and other materials concerning the diocesan CSA (Catholic Services Appeal) 2019, an annual fundraising drive. St. Patrick's monetary goal for this year is \$35,271. Any funds collected over this amount will be returned to the parish as a rebate. If you have not received the mailing from the Diocese of Reno and wish to participate in CSA, please contact the parish office at 423-2846 or 375 Tedford Lane.

Lent Schedule 2019

March 15—Fri.—Stations of the Cross 6 pm followed by soup supper provided by Ladies Guild
March 21—Thurs.—Penance Service 6:30 pm
March 22—Fri.—Stations of the Cross 6 pm followed by soup supper provided by Holy Rosary Society & RCIA
March 29—Fri.—Stations of the Cross 6 pm followed by soup supper provided by Parish Council & Fil Am Choir
April 5—Fri.—Stations of the Cross 6 pm followed by soup supper provided by Confirmation students, CCD & Choir
April 12—Fri.—Stations of the Cross 6 pm followed by soup supper provided by Spirit of the Lord Prayer Group, Deacon Wayne's Bible Study, and Monday Bible Study
April 14—Sun.—Palm Sunday—Regular Mass Times at 8 am, 11 am & 12:45 pm
April 18—Holy Thursday—6:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose—Church remains open until 9 pm for private prayer and confessions
April 19—Good Friday—Stations of the Cross 2:30 pm and Good Friday Service 3 pm—Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm and Good Friday Service 7 pm
April 20—Sat.—Easter Vigil—7:30 pm
April 21—Easter Sunday—Regular Mass Times at 8 am, 11 am & 12:45 pm