

SPCC Happenings



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St. Patrick Volunteers Recognized at Diocesan Banquet

Parishioners Bob Krenik and Colleen Sabatino of St. Patrick Church were among 71 individuals who were acknowledged at the 15th Annual Diocesan Recognition Banquet for their volunteer service to their parish, affiliated school or other Catholic organization. The event was held on Friday, April 8, at Harrah's in Reno.

Although Bob and his wife Rose have been relatively new members of St. Pat's, having come to Fallon in 2011 from St. Joseph Catholic Church in Marysville, California, his dedication and kindness have been apparent, and his generosity "is beyond compare," according to his nomination

my volunteerism."

Bob said he was "so surprised" with his selection by Pastor Tony Quijano since there are many others very deserving of the recognition.

Since Colleen and her husband Phil came to Fallon in 2005 she has participated in the Ladies Guild at St. Pat's, handled the parish's Bingo account, worked tirelessly on the Angel Tree which provides food baskets every Christmas for those in need, and, most recently, coordinated arrangements for the new parish directory soon to be published. She also volunteers in the parish office and, generally, helps out where she is needed. In

fact, per her nomination, "if you need to know how it works, or where it can be found or fixed, the words 'Ask Colleen' are heard throughout the parish." Colleen is someone upon whom the parish can always depend

volunteerism, Colleen reflected. She called it the hardest yet the most rewarding of ministries. "I think we all have a need to give, and this provides me with the chance to help our community."

At the April 8th dinner, The Most Reverend Randolph R. Calvo, Bishop of the Diocese of Reno, presented both Bob and Colleen with medals "in appreciation for your dedicated service to God and the Church" and also certificates of appreciation "for outstanding Christian service to the Diocese of Reno with our deepest gratitude."

Parishioner Jane Moon was the recipient of a special award "in gratitude for your service on the Preparatory Commission of the Second Synod of the Diocese of Reno." There were a total of 29 Preparatory Commission members (including a former member of St. Patrick Church, Marion Lavoy) who received special awards for their work.

Jane expressed her thankfulness "for the opportunity to serve our Lord Jesus Christ, His Church, and His people."

Congratulations to Bob, Colleen and Jane! And God bless you for sharing your time, talent and treasure!



Bob Krenik and Colleen Sabatino, pictured above with pastor Father Anthony Quijano, Jr., were honored at the 15th Annual Diocesan Recognition Banquet for their volunteer service to St. Patrick Catholic Church in Fallon.

document. Bob is actively involved with the Knights of Columbus, volunteers on Bingo nights in the parish hall as well as at CareNet where he tutors new fathers, and assists as an usher at church services. After attending Mass on Sunday mornings, Bob "still spends hours" welcoming churchgoers, especially young families, to help them feel at home at St. Patrick's—an activity he describes as "one of the highlights of

Colleen's reaction to her selection was "very humbling," she said. "I come from a large family, so you never asked what to do but just did it. We didn't expect to be thanked for it." Working for St. Patrick's is not any different, she added. "This is my parish family, so I will help wherever I am needed."

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JANE MOON

Bingo Starting Time Change

The time for Bingo games to start on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month has changed from 6:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m., effective May 7. Doors will still open at 5:30 p.m. as usual. Come and enjoy an evening of fun and friendship on May 7 and/or May 21 this month!

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**Special Invitation to Ladies of St. Pat's**

The month of May has traditionally been dedicated to prayer and devotion to Mary, our Blessed

Mother.

The women of St. Patrick Church are invited to join members of the Ladies Guild on Wednesday, May 11, for the coronation of Mary and recitation of the Rosary in honor of our Blessed Mother. Those who wish to participate are asked to assemble in the vestibule of the church at 12:15 p.m. on that day.

The hour will include the singing of hymns and the presentation of garden flowers to Our Lady whose statue will remain near the ambo within the sanctuary of the church for the rest of the month of May.

Although participants are not required to bring garden flowers, they are more than welcome to do so if they so desire.

Of anyone has questions or would like more information, he/she should contact Lorraine Melanson, President of the Ladies Guild, at 423-1970.

Upcoming Events: Mark Your Calendar

May 5—Thurs.—Cinco de Mayo

May 7—Sat.—6:15 p.m.—Bingo—Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

May 8—Sun.—Mother's Day

May 8—Sun.—9-11 a.m.—Knights of Columbus pancake breakfast

May 8—Sun.—11 a.m. Mass—First Communion

May 18—Wed.—6 p.m.—Confirmation

May 21—Sat.—6:15 p.m.—Bingo—Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

May 22—Sun.—After 8 a.m. Mass—Knights of Columbus breakfast for graduating seniors

May 30—Mon.—Memorial Day



PRAYER GARDEN PROGRESS—Work continues to be completed on the construction of the prayer garden located between the north side of St. Patrick's Church and the south wall of the parish hall. Parishioners will eventually have access to the prayer garden for quiet reflection and meditation. The parish continues to accept the fulfillment of pledges to the building fund and any additional donations to meet its financial obligation to the Diocese of Reno. Thank you to all who contributed and continue to offer support!

Plans are underway for the parish to hold a festival in the fall of this year. The event will include food booths, games and entertainment for all to enjoy. Proceeds will benefit the building fund. If you have ideas or are interested in helping out, please contact a member of the parish council.

Scholarship Deadline: 5/1

The last day to submit an application for a scholarship offered by the Ladies Guild is May 1. To be eligible to apply the individual must be a practicing Catholic woman who has been a parishioner for at least two years and has received the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Holy Eucharist, and Confirmation. The scholarship can be used by a new or returning student to attend college or a trade or vocational school. Scholarship applications may be obtained by stopping by the parish office during normal business hours, that is, Tues., 1-4 p.m., or Wed., Thurs., Fri., 9 a.m.-12 noon and 1-4 p.m.