

SPCC Happenings



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Newly Elected Parish Council Members Introduced

Four new members of the St. Patrick’s parish council were recently elected to two year terms, replacing Susan Imelli, Bob Knoll, Rudy McElvain, and Mary Thomas whose terms had expired.



Anne Bloomfield

Born in Connecticut and raised in Massachusetts, Anne has been married to her husband Dennis for 30 years. They have three sons: 28 year old Michael, 26 year old Chris, and 13 year old Josh.

Anne moved with her family to Churchill County in June of 1998 when Dennis secured employment at the Naval Air Station Fallon.

As a member of St. Patrick’s Anne has over the years served as a greeter, a lector, a contributor to the work of The Marthas, and a bingo worker. She has also taught CCD classes and currently assists in the instruction of Confirmation students.

“I was honored to be nominated for the parish council and look forward to working with Father Tony and the other parish council members,” Anne said. She views her role as a member of the parish council as supporting St. Patrick’s in any way possible.

Hailing originally from Baltimore, Monica is married to Ben, a helicopter pilot with the U.S. Navy, who was transferred to Naval Air Station Fallon in March of 2016. They have two children, Rosalie Valentine, aged 7, and Irena Mae Frances, who is three years old.



Monica Breitenbach

Since the family’s move to Fallon both Monica and Ben have been very busy between actively participating in military life, homeschooling their daughters, operating a business from their home, and serving in various ministries of the church.

Monica herself has been involved as a 2nd year Confirmation teacher and in Family Faith Formation, Apologetics, and the Marian Movement of Priests. “This is the Holy Spirit calling us to share with the parish and community and serve those around us,” Monica observed. “It is possible to live a day full of activity if those activities bring us closer to Christ and eternal life in heaven.”

Describing St. Patrick’s as “a dynamic parish community,” Monica sees her role on the parish council member as one to advise Father Tony of the needs of the parish and its ministries. “It is an honor to serve a welcoming and vibrant parish such as St. Patrick’s,” Monica said.



Andrew Campbell

Born in Vancouver, Washington, Andrew has during his lifetime resided in several other states and countries. “By age 18,” Andrew announced, “my family moved 12 times.”

Andrew came to Fallon in August of 2008 from employment with the Washington State (Residential) School for the Deaf to become a middle school instructor with the Churchill County School District. “A budget crunch in the State of Washington prompted my move here,” Andrew stated.

Among the parish activities in which Andrew participates is Eucharistic Adoration, Marian Movement of Priests, and, every Sunday, Adult Catechesis with Apologetics class. He is also a strong supporter of the annual retreats of the BNA Prayer Group of St. Thomas Aquinas parish in Camas, Washington.

When Andrew learned of his election to the parish council, he enthusiastically looked forward to the responsibility and said, “Ok, let’s go!” He looks at his role as a parish council member through the eyes of the Breitenbach children who drew his likeness on a paper plate that is posted on the bulletin board in the Rose Room. “My ears are a little large (so as to hear others better),” Andrew commented, “and my halo is a little tarnished because I have not been to confession in three weeks.”

Lorraine was nervous but also excited about accepting her nomination and election as a parish council member and prays for inspiration in becoming an asset to the group. “I hope to contribute as much as I can to the parish council,” she said.



Lorraine Melanson

Born and raised in Lynn, Massachusetts, Lorraine worked for Electric Insurance as an insurance adjuster for 30 years before taking an early retirement in 2004 to relocate to Fallon in order to help her mom when her dad passed away.

At St. Patrick’s Lorraine is a mem-

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SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISER—A Mexican food sale was held on Sun., Feb. 25, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. in the parish hall as a fundraiser for parishioner Belen Dominguez and her family who were involved in a tragic auto accident on Hwy. 95 in Las Vegas. The teenager remained in a coma for many days but has regained consciousness and undergoes continuous medical attention. Father Jose passed away from his injuries, while his wife Rosa suffered fractured ribs. The Hispanic community, under the coordination of Vanessa Dueñas (cooking in the photo above), came together to prepare and serve delicious entrées including enchiladas and tamales as well as various accompaniments. A large number of parishioners and their guests attended the feast. Over \$5,500.00 was collected to benefit the Dominguez family. Many thanks ♥ to all for a successful fundraiser! Pictured to the right at the buffet table are a few of the volunteers: Queta Carillo, Zaby Ortega, Mari-cela Dueñas, Marvin Lantaverde, and Alicia Centeno.

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ber of the Ladies Guild, volunteers with the church's food pantry, and helps in the counting of the parish collections. She has also volunteered with the bingo games when they were held in the parish.

Although never married Lorraine has a brother who lives in Texas and many nieces and nephews.

At a recent parish council meeting Dennis Mills was chosen to serve as chair, Nancy Balash as vice chair, Andrew Campbell as secretary.



From

Ginny
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I wish to express my deepest gratitude to the parish community of St. Patrick's for your prayers, kindness and support during my husband's illness and after he passed away on Mon., Feb. 12, 2018, at home. The outpouring of concern and love displayed by so many of you—by sending cards of comfort, providing meals and hugs, ordering flowers or plants, offering your homes for out-of-town guests, attending Mike's celebration of life at Smith's Family Funeral Home on Sat., March 3—was overwhelming. I have never known such generosity of spirit as exhibited by the St. Patrick's parish community. I feel truly blessed to be a member of St. Patrick's parish community and thank you from the bottom of my heart.

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 17—Sat.—St. Pat's Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner—\$12 per plate—Cocktails 6 p.m.—Dinner 7 p.m.—Parish Hall—Sponsored by Knights of Columbus

March 18—Sun.—No CCD classes

March 20—Tues.—1st Day of Spring

March 21—Wed.—7:30 p.m.—Parish Hall—Knights of Columbus meeting

March 29—Thurs.—Holy Thursday—Mass of the Lord's Supper 6:30 p.m.—Confessions follow until 9 p.m.

March 30—Fri.—Good Friday—Stations of the Cross 2:30 p.m. and also 6:30 p.m.—Service at 3 p.m. and also 7 p.m.—Divine Mercy devotion at 8 p.m.

March 31—Sat.—Divine Mercy devotion 6 p.m.—Easter Vigil Mass 7:30 p.m.

April 1—Sun.—Easter Sunday—Masses at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. and Spanish Mass at 12:30 p.m.

April 21—Sat.—Raffle drawing at 4 p.m. in parish hall—1st prize: freezer and 1/2 beef; 2nd prize: \$500 Maverick gift card; 3rd prize: \$200 Peppermill gift card—Tickets: \$20 each—Only 400 tickets will be sold—For tickets contact parish office at 423-2846 or Rudy McElvain at 427-7839—Proceeds benefit building fund

Note: Parish Council Meeting moved from Wed., March 28, to Wed., April 4, 6 p.m.