



This year's First Communion students are (standing) Laura Rabe and Jessie Laxalt, (middle) Bryan Juarez De Lacaro, Michael Laxalt and Jocelyn Juarez, and (kneeling) Steven Moon and Juliana Juarez. Not pictured but also making their First Communion are Carson Bratton, Melissa Camillon, Aiden McAllister and Rachel Taylor. *Photo by Katy Loop*

First Communion Mass Celebrated April 21

On Sun., April 21, at the 11 a.m. Mass 11 children will receive the Holy Eucharist for the first time after two years of preparation through the religious education program at St. Patrick Church.

The First Communion recipients are Carson Bratton, Melissa Camillon, Bryan Juarez De Lacaro, Jocelyn Juarez, Juliana Juarez, Jesse Laxalt, Michael Laxalt, Aiden McAllister, Steven Moon, Laura Rabe, and Rachel Taylor.

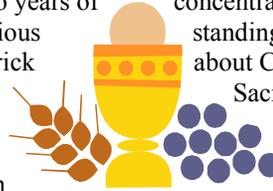
Instructors Katy Loop and Carrie Taylor have utilized the Sadlier Sacrament Program, with an emphasis on First Communion, for their curriculum which, in the first year, focuses on the Sacrament of Penance, and, in the second year, on the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.

During their studies the students memorized the following Catholic prayers: Glory Be, Our Father, Hail Mary, Prayer to the Guardian Angel, and the Act of Contrition. They have also learned about the parts of the Mass and discussed gestures performed during the service such as genuflecting, standing, kneeling, making the

sign of the cross, bowing, etc.

Most recently the children have been concentrating their efforts on understanding what they need to know about Confession and the Blessed Sacrament.

To be able to make their First Communion boys and girls must be baptized, be enrolled in the First Communion classes for two years, not miss more than three days during the religious education year, attend Mass regularly and receive First Reconciliation.



Mark Your Calendar!

- Sat. & Sun.—May 4 & 5—Bake Sale after Mass—Ladies Guild
 - Sat. & Sun.—May 4 & 5, May 18 & 19—Sale of Religious Articles after Mass
 - Sun.—May 5—Cinco de Mayo—Moiola Hall—Hispanic community will sell food after 8 a.m. & 11 a.m. Masses for take home or eat there
 - Mon.—May 20—Retreat (Spanish) - Sister Marie Cooper, SJC—Time TBA
 - Wed.—May 22—Retreat (English) - Sister Marie Cooper, SJC—Time TBA
- NOTE: The feast of the Ascension will be celebrated on Sun., May 12, instead of Thurs., May 9.

Bishop Calvo To Confirm 16 April 28

The Most Reverend Randolph R. Calvo, Bishop of Reno, will confirm 16 St. Patrick Church youth at the 11 a.m. Mass on Sun., April 28, with a potluck reception in Moiola Hall to follow. (A photo and the names of the students may be found on page 2.)

Utilizing a retreat-based program to prepare the students, the instructional team—consisting of Mike and Pam Golding, Diane and Ron Belbin, Edna Beyer, Beth Cole and Paul Loop—covers such topics as Being Catholic, Pentecost, Social Justice, Choosing Catholicism, Prayer, Relationship with Jesus, and Spiritual Gifts. Additional support comes from the three parish deacons—Kurt Carlson, Ron Cherry and Wayne Crooks—who assist with the lessons, Bernadette Nelson who coordinates service hours for the Confirmation students, and Tom Lucas who serves as lunch coordinator and general helper.

In order to be eligible to enter the two-year confirmation program, students must already be attending religious education classes on a regular basis. Those studying during the 1st year are required to *(Continued on page 2)*



The Pastor's Corner

Happy Easter to everyone!

Springtime is at hand. A number of our children will soon receive their First Communion, and, a week later, several of our youth will be confirmed. Some are about to graduate while others are preparing for summer vacation. Amidst all these activities, I hope you will take time "to smell the roses," as they say.

There are people, when they are young, who worry about college. Then, when they finish their studies and get married, they worry about their children. When the children are grown, they will be in their 60's or 70's. It might only be then that we start asking ourselves, "Have I ever really lived my life?"

Father Antonio Quijano

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What is RCIA?

RCIA, which stands for “Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults,” is a program primarily for adults who wish to learn more about the Catholic faith, with the possibility of joining the Catholic church, although there is no requirement that they do so.

- Adults who participate
- ◆ may have never been baptized, or
 - ◆ have been baptized in another Christian church and are considering becoming Catholic, or
 - ◆ were baptized Catholic but never received the sacraments of the Holy Communion or Confirmation.

After a period of discernment and instruction those so desiring will complete their initiation by receiving—as appropriate—the sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist and/or Confirmation at the annual Easter Vigil service.

At St. Patrick Church the opportunity to participate in the RCIA program has also been extended to those who are already fully Catholic but want to develop a firmer foundation of the basics of their Catholic faith—especially ones who have fallen away from, and are now returning to, the Catholic church.

The RCIA program is conducted every year from the end of Aug. or beginning of Sept. through May of the following year and



Frank Combes (left), who participated in the 2012-2013 RCIA program and received the holy sacraments of Baptism, the Eucharist, and Confirmation at this year’s Easter Vigil service on March 30th, is pictured with his sponsor Pat Laca.

meets on Thurs. evenings from 7-9 p.m. All participants are expected to attend Mass every Sun. and all holy days of obligation. They are also encouraged to become involved in other church functions. An annual retreat is scheduled on a Saturday preceding Easter as a final preparation before receiving the holy sacraments at the Easter Vigil.

For more information contact RCIA coordinator Vern Funsch or the St. Patrick Church office at 423-2846.

C O R R E C T I O N

In the March 2013 issue of *SPCC Happenings*, the person in the Fallon Daily Bread photo with Barbara Murray was mistakenly identified as Mary Godfrey. It is **Brenda Smith** (although Mary often helps at Fallon Daily Bread but not on that particular day). The editor apologizes to Brenda for the error.



THANK YOU

To all who donated and/or pledged to the Capital Campaign to build a new multi-purpose building. If you have not already made a pledge, you can still do so as the parish needs to reach its overall goal of \$1.5 million. Contact Jane Moon at 423-6983 if you have questions.



GRACIAS



Students to be confirmed on April 28 are (front row) Kyle Grimes, Debra Beyer, Linsey Golding, Anastasia Harrison, Iris Ruiz, Kimberly Ibarra, Brandon Romero, Melissa Camilion, and (back row) Christian Stadtman, Tabettha Park, Omar Madera, Blane Merkley, Charlie Heck, Bridger Young, Ryan Merkley, Cody Stadtman.

Photo submitted by Mike & Pam Golding

CONFIRMATION (Continued from page 1) complete 20 service hours, while those in the 2nd year of the program must provide 30 hours of service and also participate in an overnight retreat. Service hours can be accumulated by volunteering to work at Fallon Daily bread on the 4th Mon. of every month, helping with Knights of Columbus events, raking leaves for senior citizens, visiting shut-ins, and other various activities.