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# St. Patrick's / St. Anne's News & Notes April 24, 2021

This week, I had a chance to celebrate a **HOUSE BLESSING** on the outskirts of Momence and visit Good Shepherd Manor for an **ANOINTING** of one of their residents. The house blessing was fantastic – why anyone would want to live in the city is beyond me because the natural setting on which all of you live in the border towns is SPECTACULAR!!! Brother Alphonsus Brown from Good Shepherd and I had a nice chat with the residents in one of the houses where they live – at the good brother's request, Gabby the Basset made a surprise inspection of all the residents' quarters; I think the residents had a great time with what Brother Alphonsus calls the border town "therapy dog." FYI, Gabby the therapy dog is running my knees ragged!!!

We are moving forward with the renovations to the rectory basement and living quarters at St. Patrick's. We rented a fifteen-yard dumpster for the house on the property formerly occupied by recently deceased maintenance guru Jack Noonan (we put up a plaque in church for Jack &

Peggy Noonan last month). Jack Noonan's son is going to have the house emptied by this weekend, giving us items for the **"ROB ME BLIND ST. PATRICK'S GARAGE SALE"** after all the Masses this weekend. In the rectory garage, we still have a large, wooden, expansion kitchen table, a space heater and a couple of bins available for the taking. *We will need help emptying Jack Noonan's house and garage on Sunday afternoon. If any of you can help with this project (following the 10:30 and noon Masses), we would most appreciate it.*

Our next major renovations at Pat's are Jack Noonan's house and the gymnasium. There is a great deal to do in these buildings - more to come on that.

By next week, I am hoping to communicate with you a couple nice adjustments concerning staff personnel at our parishes. Mary Tolmer (St. Patrick's) and Alicia Parkinson (St. Anne's) have helped me and have given me their blessing with one of the hires - the other involves current employee Artemio Ojeda at St. Anne's. Both of these adjustments should be good and hopefully alleviate some of the burden on Mary & Alicia, who could use the help!

We begin **OUTDOOR MASSES** at St. Patrick's and Anne's in May. At Pat's, we will hold our **SATURDAY NIGHT MASSES INDOORS** and our **SUNDAY 10:30 MASS OUTDOORS**. At St. Anne's, we will celebrate our **9:00 A.M. MASS INDOORS ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH**, with the rest of the Sunday Masses outdoors (we will also start celebrating outdoor Wednesday 5:00 p.m. Masses, at the faithful's request).

I looked at the weather report for **ST. PATRICK'S FIRST COMMUNION EVENT**, on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. I guess DRE John Rehmer and the families of the kids are asking for the outdoor service; hopefully we can accommodate them, if the weather holds out. St. Anne's First Communion takes place on May 9<sup>th</sup>. I

The second **ST. PATRICK'S GROTTA CLEAN UP PARTY** takes place this morning, starting at 9:00 a.m. *Perhaps folks can bring their lawnmowers to help cut the grass on the grotto and gym side of the campus until the maintenance issue is resolved.*

Once again... St. Patrick's Church will hold a **GARAGE SALE** on June 18-19 and 25-26. All proceeds will go towards beautifying the grotto. More to come.

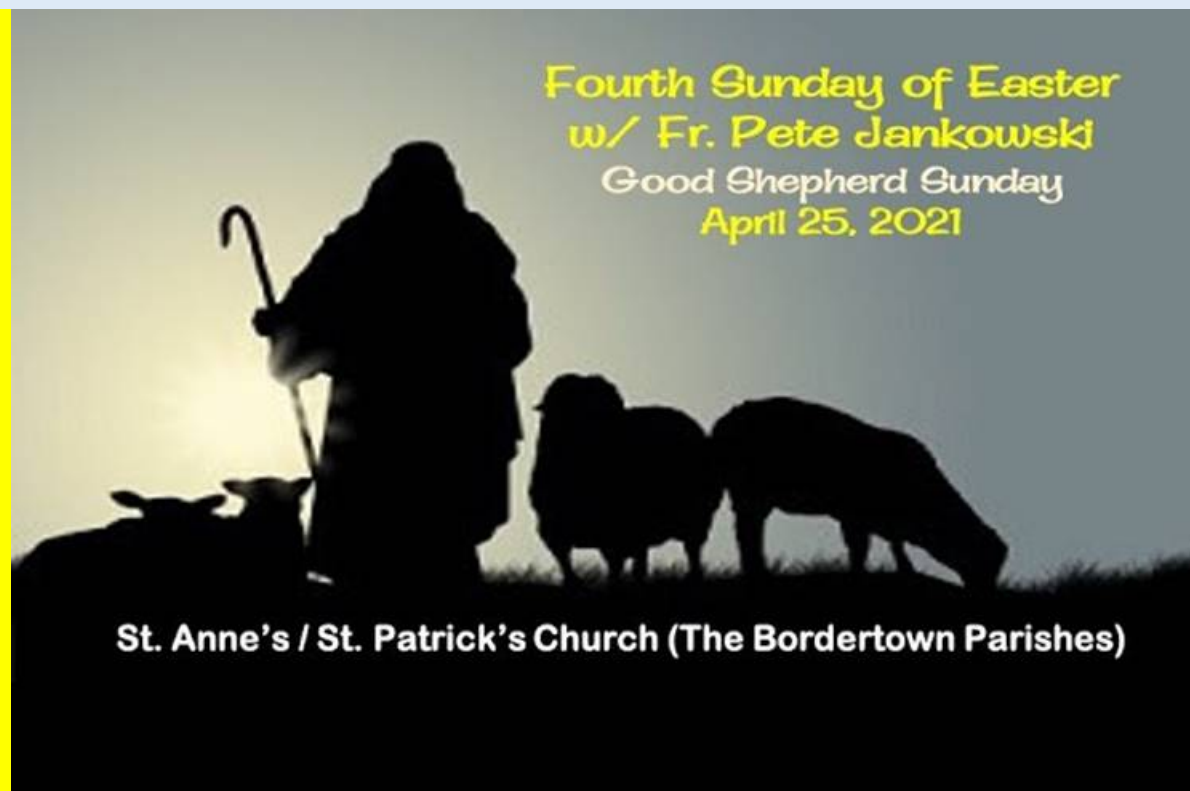
I will put out a parish newsletter to advertise both **GOLF OUTINGS**, hosted by both parishes. More to come on this.

It looks like work has begun with our **ST. ANNE'S CONCRETE WALKWAY**. Hopefully this can be done before our outdoor Masses begin.

Again, please remember both of our parish secretaries who have been under the weather. Thanks also to those in the community who have assisted us in the secretarial duties at both parishes.

Have a blessed week!!! – Fr. Pete

We continue to offer **ONLINE MASSES** for those who wish to stay at home. If you wish to remain at home and still receive the sacraments, we can come to you – just contact the parish offices for more information.



**[CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE MASS FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER](#)**

*Note: All Online Masses from the Third Sunday of Lent through this weekend's Mass can be found at*

**[www.stpatrickmotence.org](http://www.stpatrickmotence.org)** or  
**[www.stannestanne.org](http://www.stannestanne.org)**

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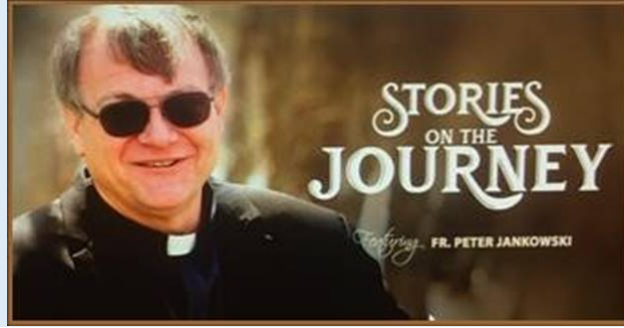
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At St. Patrick's, we still have to address a debt at St.

Patrick's just over \$300,000; we wish to keep up with the bills at St. Anne's as well. We need to keep up with our renovations as well. If you can help with a pew donation (\$2,500), help with renovating our gym floor at St. Pat's (\$15,000), or helping us pave the parking lot at Pat's (\$70,000), that would be great! For \$1,000,000, you can have one of our gyms named for a loved one - this one time gift would take care of all problems at our parishes and would go a long way in preserving what we have for generations to come!!!



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