St. Patrick Catholic Church

Pastor – Fr. Eric Filmer

Deacon James Roberge 478-953-8032 / Deacon Emeritus Ralph McAtee

CONFESSIONS:

4 p.m. Saturday – February 25th

MASS TIMES:

Saturday: 5 p.m. Mass on February 25th

Sunday: 10:30 a.m. Mass on February 26th

Sunday: 5 p.m. Mass on February 26th

Weekday Masses: See calendar on page 8

CONTACT US:

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OFFICE HOURS:

9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Monday —Thursday
February 27th through March 2nd

!!! Please note: the Church office is closed every Friday !!!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

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Sunday – February 26, 2017
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Gospel Reading is: Matthew 6:24—34

Jesus said to his disciples: "No one can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds in the sky; they do not sow or reap, they gather nothing into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are not you more important than they? Can any of you by worrying add a single moment to your life-span? Why are you anxious about clothes? Learn from the way the wild flowers grow. They do not work or spin. But I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was clothed like one of them. If God so clothes the grass of the field, which grows today and is thrown into the oven tomorrow, will he not much more provide for you, O you of little faith? So do not worry and say, 'What are we to eat?' or 'What are we to drink?' or 'What are we to wear?' All these things the pagans seek. Your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides. Do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself. Sufficient for a day is its own evil."

Time/Date	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers	Altar Servers
Saturday 5 p.m. February 25th	H. Hyatt	J. & D. Venable M. Fischer/_____	N. Eckert/M. Connelly B. Joerger/_____	J. Drescher J. Sigmon
Sunday 10:30 a.m. February 26th	D. Moorehead	P. Smagner/J. Papczynski D. Moorehead/D. Hunter L. Cabasares/R. Rattary	J. Haimbaugh/_____ _____/_____	C. Papczynski L. Patton A. Schroeder
Sunday 5 p.m. February 26th	M. Powers	S. Guimond/K. Guidry V. Wasserman/_____	_____/_____ _____/_____	_____ _____ _____

Mass Intentions			
Saturday – February 25th	5 p.m.	† Guadencio Mendoza	by Myrna
Sunday – February 26th	10:30 a.m.	Missa Pro Populo	by Fr. Eric Filmer
Sunday – February 26th	5 p.m.	Winda Sidor	by Veganda Wasserman
Wednesday – March 1st	10:30 a.m.	David & Kathleen Walsh (45th Wedding Anniversary)	by Ann (Walsh) Fox

Time/Date	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers	Altar Servers
Saturday 5 p.m. March 4th	M. Stanley	M. Milush/T. Stanley J. & D. Venable	J. Breyer/B. Milush M. Connelly/N. Eckert	J. Niskoch J. Drescher
Sunday 10:30 a.m. March 5th	C. Anderson	P. Smagner/S. Guimond M. Patton/P. Taylor A. Hunter/D. Hunter	S. Pumel/_____ _____/_____	K. Anderson E. Davies L. Patton
Sunday 5 p.m. March 5th	C. Punch	V. Wasserman/V. Story D. Sharpe/D. Sharpe	J. Margetson/_____ _____/_____	_____ _____ _____

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2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal
Our Return to the Lord

The Bishop's Annual Appeal has begun. It is time for us to do what we can to support not only our Diocese but the programs and ministries that benefit our parish and our Catholic community. **Our goal at St. Patrick for 2017 is $40,821.**

The BAA supports our Catholic Schools and the education of our future priest and deacons. The BAA supports ministries that change lives for the better. We are blessed with much; let us be a blessing to others.

Our Prayer List:

Elizabeth Alvarez
Jessica Bischof
John Bishop
Carie Bulin
the Cmar family
Lisa Danforth
Susan Davenport
"Pops" Drescher
Dean Dow
Patricia Edwards
Irma Fitzgibbon
Linda Frisch
Stephanie Guimond
Doris Gray
Jim & Eleanor Hamel
Martha Hartwell
Lillian Hellberg
Veronica Hurst
Rosalie Joerger
Cindy Keck
Dorothy Kelly
Deanna Kercheval
Roland Lallier
The LeBlanc family
The Martin family
Alice Miller
Richard Rosebrock
Jean Sanborn
Melinda Schroeder
Joyce Scott
Aimee Sears
Noriko Selle
Leo Spielman
Mary Ann Steele
Henry Sumner
Aidan Wilson
Alfonsina Yates
Lydia Zammit
Millie & Larry Baker
Fr. Patrick Cunningham
Larry & Chris Hart families
Arlene and Dennis Knebel
Chris & Jackie Lyons
Eddie and Carol Mann
Dorothy & Joe McCabe
Mel & Faye Pereski
Ricky & Rosemary Potenziani
Cathy & Michael Purnell
Bob & Kathi Seeger
Pamela & Matt Smagner
Vicky Austin & Frances Story
the Williamson family

This is the **NEW** QR code for ConnectNow Online Giving. Go to http:/ www.stpatrickga.org/ and look on the bottom right of the home page for "Online Donations."

TEXT Your Donation!

Text Giving: Text your donation dollar amount to number 478-217-7615. *Messaging rates may apply* The first time you text you will be prompted for a one-time registration which will allow you to choose a bank account or credit card where your donations are withdrawn from. All subsequent donations will simply involve texting the amount to the parish number above. You will receive a text confirmation your donation was successful. *Note all donors who text donations and donate online (or through the mobile web interface) will have all of your history tied to your account.

<u>An Account of our Stewardship</u>:

Debt Reduction principal balance as of January 31, 2016 is: $145,735.15 !!!

Send bulletin submissions to Lyn Gavel at saintpataa@stpatrickga.org, call the church office 478-987-4213, or put a note in the office box by Monday at Noon.

Bereavement Committee

We're updating our Bereavement Committee list. If you are interested in helping with food for funerals, setting up, or cleaning up, please send an email to saintpat@stpatrickga.org

Or call the church office at 478-987-4213.

"Please Help with Our Building Debt"

We are a very blessed community in that (among other things) we have some wonderful buildings and a sizable plot of land, but we have not yet finished paying for them. We still have future projects in mind, but we first have to payoff what we owe before we can proceed with any future building plans. In light of all this, I humbly ask that each family please prayerfully consider donating $25 or more each month to our second collection for the alleviation of our building debt. On behalf of the entire parish, and on behalf of the future parishioners of St. Patrick Church, I sincerely thank you for your consideration and generosity in this matter. God bless you, Fr. Eric

Please pray for our military men and women:

WO2 Cory Bischof
Frankie Bulin, Jr.
Jonathan Buzhardt
SN Trevor J Chastain
Frank Eighmey
Capt. R. Zachary Frisch
AWR2 Adam Fusinato
Major Chris Hoffman
Capt. Maura Hughes Hoffman
LTJG Brendan Hughes
Cpl. Megan K. Jameson
Legion Jester
Sgt. Philip Johnson
1Lt. Jason Lesak
PO3 Vanessa Perniciaro
Garret Purnell
SP5 Brian M. Saul
PFC Douglas A. Slee
Major William Sautter
PO1 Ben Steele
Jennifer Swinyard
Capt. Jamie Zimmermann
Capt. Ronnie Zimmermann
AWV3 Kristopher Zelenak

Stewardship February 26, 2017
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"No one can serve two masters.... You cannot serve God and wealth." Matthew 6:24

While most often with the poor, Jesus frequently enjoyed the company of the wealthy too. But he always reminded them not to become slaves to their wealth.

VIRTUS

If you work with the youth of our parish in **ANY** capacity, you MUST be VIRTUS trained!

Next VIRTUS Training Class Information

Where: St. Patrick Church (Kathleen)
2410 GA Highway 127
Meet: in St. Kevin's Hall (behind the church)
Date: Saturday – February 25, 2017
Begins: Promptly at 1:30 p.m.
Estimated length of session: 3 hours
Language: English
Wheelchair Accessible: Yes

You MUST pre-register to attend the Training class!!!

Please go to: https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list2.cfmtheme=0&theOrgID=17973 and look for the place and date then begin the registration process.

Because of the sensitive nature of this program, **NO ONE** under the age of 18 is allowed in the training classroom.

Child care (during training) can be provided with 48 hours advance notice.

Prayer for Vocations

O God, hear our prayer and let our cry come unto You. Bless our Diocese of Savannah with many vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life. Give the men and women You call the light to understand Your gift, and the love to follow always in the footsteps of Your priestly Son. Amen

Estate and Personal Planning

Workbooks are available in the Church office for (Catholic) Estate and Personal planning. This does **NOT** take the place of a will. It is a guide to help you make final plans.

Although it may be difficult to confront our own mortality, we can make it easier for our survivors if we by plan ahead.

VIRTUS

If you completed the VIRTUS training class more than 5 years ago, please take a Refresher Training Packet from the Narthex (they're on the Lighthouse CD table).

Read the material, sign the acknowledgment page (the last page), and drop the signed page ONLY in the office box.

Proper Disposal of Sacramental Items

The Knights of Columbus will collect your worn out or broken sacramental items and dispose of them in a reverent manner, according to church teachings. Collection jar is on the K of C table in the Narthex. Please do not leave family heirlooms in the jar. Rosaries will be inspected (then repaired and reused if possible).

Family Promise of Houston County

could really use: *Cleaning Supplies*.

The donation tub is in the Narthex by Erin's quilt. If you donate gift cards, please put them in the Office Box.

Counters Needed ASAP!

We have one group of counters that will be retiring soon. There are 3 openings to fill.

You would serve the second Sunday of each month. Stay after Mass or be here at St. Patrick at 11:30 a.m. You would be responsible for: counting and sorting money, copying checks, etc..., and (possibly) making the deposit. Training will be provided.

If you would like to be considered for this ministry, please contact the church office at 478-987-4213.

Celiac Disease or Debilitating Gluten Allergy

We have special hosts, approved by the Vatican, with a very low wheat gluten content.

Please let Fr. Eric or a deacon know if you need this type of host.

We are a Community of Word and Sacrament, Called by CHRIST to grow in Faith, Hope, and Love; Foster Community; and Evangelize.

Our Lenten Journey

Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday) Pot Luck

Everyone is welcome to attend our Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday) party at St. Patrick! Bring your favorite dish to share.

We'll be celebrating from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. We'll have a Craft Station, Music, Dancing, Selfie Station, Food, and lots of Fellowship. Come and join in the fun!!!

Mom's Bible Study

Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. starting March 3rd at St Patrick. Please link to order materials: http://www.shopmercy.org/Consoling-the-Heart-of-Jesus-Retreat-Participant-Packet/CJPPWB/itm/27270502/SM-SEARCH

More information is at the Hearts Afire website: https://www.allheartsafire.org/the-program/overview.html

Stations of the Cross and Lenten Meal

Each Friday of Lent we will continue our Lenten tradition of gathering together for Stations of the Cross at 6:30 p.m. followed by a meal at 7 p.m. There is **no** cost for either. Come join us!

Lenten Meal Schedule

Date	Providing food	On the Menu
March 3rd	Men's group	Fish fry
March 10th	Religious Ed. (Teens)	Soup & Sandw.
March 17th	All St. Patrick Parishioners and (R. E.) Family & Children (K – 6)	Potluck reception in honor of Saint Patrick 7:30 p.m.
March 24th	Girl Scouts & Boy Scouts	Soup & Sandw.
March 31st	Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary	Soup & Sandw.
April 7th	RCIA & Choir	Soup & Sandw.

Fasting and Abstinence Rules:

Ash Wednesday & Good Friday are mandatory days of **fasting** for Catholics within the age range of 18 through 59.

The minimum requirements for fasting are as follows:

One full meal is permitted. In addition to this, two smaller meals are permitted but these smaller meals should not add up to a full meal. Snacks between meals are **not** allowed.

Water, coffee, and tea may be consumed throughout the day. People are free to engage in stricter forms of fasting if they choose. On the other hand, people may be excused from fasting for appropriate health reasons.

Furthermore; Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, as well as **all** Fridays in Lent are days of **abstinence.** This means abstaining from eating meat (although seafood and eggs are permitted). This rule applies to Catholics of age 14 and over.

Dispensation from the Bishop

Because St. Patrick's Day is on a Friday this year, Bishop Gregory Hartmayer has officially given a dispensation to Catholics involving abstinence on March 17th.

Hence, on March 17, 2017 Catholics have the option to eat meat, although the fasting rules are still in place.

Mass and Reception in honor of Saint Patrick

Please join us on Friday – March 17th at 6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross; 7 p.m. Mass; and 7:30 p.m. Reception at Saint Patrick

The church will provide drinks, cups, and paper goods. Fellowship included for free!

Please bring your favorite dish to share. Since the Bishop has given us a dispensation for March 17th, you may bring a dish that includes meat to the reception.

Church Ministries and Organizations

Adult Choir: Arlene Roberge
478-953-8032 jdroberge@cox.net
Altar Guild: Glenda Alegre 770-519-8874
Celebrate Recovery: Rebecca Johansen
brjacjoh@yahoo.com
Children's Choir: Carol Strandburg
Cub Scouts: Chris Delcourt
603-502-2310
Family Promise: Rebecca Johansen
478-218-5885
Finance Committee: Pat Filholm
478-397-3178
Knights of Columbus:
Grand Knight Mike O'Brien
Fr. Michael A. Burke Council #14488
mobrien110@cox.net
Ladies Auxiliary:
Margaret Molyson 478-929-4318
mmolyson@hotmail.com
Men's Group: Bernie Marino
985-807-4862
Music Directors: Arlene Roberge
478-953-8032 jdroberge@cox.net
Parish Council: Ann Kane 478-396-2987
RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults): Deacon Jim & Arlene Roberge
478-953-8032
Visitation (St. Patrick Church):
Bill Johansen 478-218-5885
WHIM (With Him in Music):
Mark Funke 660-553-8444
Women's Group: Jane Krumwiede
jbkrum@cox.net 478-397-4147

You can find a lot of useful information at the following websites:

Diocese of Savannah
https://diosav.org/

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)
http://www.usccb.org/

Church Websites

To find out what's going on in some of the Diocese of Savannah churches, click on the church name below:

Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Savannah

Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Macon

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Dublin

Our Lady of the Skies Chapel at Robins AFB
(Information about the chapel is about halfway down the page.)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Warner Robins

St. Anne Catholic Church in Richmond Hill

St. Juliana Catholic Church in Fort Valley

St. Joseph Catholic Church in Macon

St. Michael Catholic Church in Montezuma

St. Patrick Catholic Church in Kathleen

St. Peter Claver Catholic Church in Macon

St. Theresa Catholic Church in Cordele

INAUGURAL CATHOLIC SCOUTING CONVOCATION CAMPOREE
MARCH 10 – 12, 2017
Sponsored by the Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting

ALL SCOUTS & TROOPS INVITED!!!

~ New Location ~ Black Creek Scout Reservation / 850 Poor Robin Road / Sylvania, GA 30467

Join us for a fun filled weekend combining Spiritual and Scouting Activities. This event is open to all Scouts (Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, American Heritage Girls, Trail Life, and Campfire Boys and Girls) regardless of faith.

You are welcome to attend for the entire weekend, **or** spend the day Saturday – March 11th when Bishop Gregory J. Hartmayer will be the celebrant for the 5 p.m. Mass and Awards ceremony. Dinner will follow, along with a bonfire.

To register or for more information go to: https://diosav.org/oyyam-dccs

Abuse Hotline Number

To report sexual abuse of a minor by a Diocese of Savannah employee call the Abuse Hotline Number 888-357-5330 or The Office for the Protection of Children and Young People 912-201-4073/4.

Catholic Pastoral Center 601 E. Liberty Street Savannah, GA 31401. Toll-free Hotline: (888) 357-5330 Fax: (912) 201-4101

www.diosav.org childyouthprotection.

To report abuse locally, contact the Houston County Department of Family and Children Services at: 478-988-7600.

http://dfcs.dhs.georgia.gov/houston-county-dfcs-office.

We welcome all visitors to our church. We are glad you are here worshipping with us. If you are attending Mass at St. Patrick on a regular basis, please consider making this your home church. Registration forms are in the Narthex.

St. Patrick/St. Juliana Family Database

In order to join the 21st Century, our family database "ConnectNow" is available online!

https://connectnow.parishsoft.com/savannah/

When the ConnectNow ***Welcome*** page loads, select either:

NEW USER The first time you go onto this site you must register and create your username/password. Once approved, you will be able to sign in and review your family information and make any needed data changes.

OR

SIGN IN (if you are already a registered user) Please review your family/member information and edit/add any pertinent information. You may also add family and/or individual photos.

Call Veganda in the church office at 478-987-4213 if you have any questions, problems, or concerns.

St. Patrick Catholic Church Sacramental Policies

Baptism

* Parents must be registered at St. Patrick and attend Mass for 3 months before preparation.
* Parents must attend Baptism Preparation Class (second Sunday of each month at 11:45 a.m.). Godparents invited to attend. Please schedule with the church office.
* Ensure at least one Godparent is Catholic.
* Out of town Godparents must provide a letter from their pastor as to their suitability to exercise this office.

Marriage – Couples must:

* Contact the pastor at least 4 months prior (preferably more) to desired wedding date.
* Complete FOCCUS inventory
* Participate in a pre-Cana course or marriage-prep weekend.
* NO wedding date is guaranteed until ALL Diocesan and Parish requirements are fulfilled.

First Communion and Confirmation

* Family must be registered at St. Patrick.
* Preparation – Two years of classes.
* Children must be at least 7 years old to receive First Communion **and** at least 13 years old for Confirmation.

Please let the church office know of any changes in your email, phone, address, or military status, if you have moved or joined another parish, if your are homebound and would like to receive Communion, if a parishioner is in the hospital, or if you need to be added to our prayer list. 478-987-4213.

Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church

The Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church is available for purchase at St. Patrick. It covers the essential aspects of our Catholic Faith in a "question and answer" format (used previously in the Baltimore Catechism). The book is available for $5. To purchase a copy see Fr. Eric, Deacon Ralph, Deacon Jim, (or in office) Veganda, or Lyn.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Abbreviations Key: DC = Double Classroom HSCC = Holy Spirit Catholic Church (in Macon) ICC = Immaculate Conception Catholic Church (in Dublin) K of C = Knights of Columbus LC = Little Chapel Lds. Aux. = Ladies Auxiliary MdSA = Mount de Sales Academy (in Macon) N = Narthex RCIA = Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults R. E. = Religious Education S.H. = Sacred Heart Catholic Church (in Warner Robins) SKH = St. Kevin's Hall SPC = St. Pater Claver Catholic Church (in Macon) St. J = St. Juliana Catholic Church (in Fort Valley) St. Jos = St. Joseph Catholic Church (in Macon) St. P = St. Patrick Catholic Church St. PC = St. Peter Claver Catholic Church (in Macon) TBA = To Be Announced TC = Triple Classroom WHIM = With Him in Music			**22** **10 a.m. Mass** **February 2017** 5:30 p.m. Children's choir practice 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. R. E. (K–6th) 6:30 p.m. Fr. Eric's class (main church) 6:30 p.m. RCIA (LC)	**23** **10 a.m. Mass** 6 p.m. ACTS Retreat meeting (SKH) 6:30 p.m. Adult choir Practice 7 p.m. Women's group meeting (DC)	**24** **NO** Daily Mass **OFFICE CLOSED**	**25** **1:30 p.m. VIRTUS (SKH)** 4 p.m. Confessions 4:40 p.m. Rosary **5 p.m. Mass** 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Girl Scouts (SKH) Mrs. Connair
26 **10:30 a.m. Mass** 3 p.m. 1st & 2nd Year Confirmation classes 3 p.m. WHIM practice **5 p.m. Mass**	**27** **NO** Daily Mass 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. CYM Decorate for Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday) Dinner provided	**28** **10 a.m. Mass** 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. CYM Marci Gras (Fat Tuesday) Pot Luck Dinner	**1** **10 a.m. Mass** *Special Collection for Aid to Eastern Europe* **March 2017** **6:30 p.m. Mass** (English at St. J. w/ Fr. Eric) **7 p.m. Communion Service** (St. Patrick w/ Deacon Jim) **8 p.m. Mass** (Spanish at St. J. w/ Fr. Eric) **R. E.** – Communion Service is class! **NO** Fr. Eric's class **ASH Wednesday**	**2** **NO** Daily Mass 6 p.m. ACTS Retreat meeting (DC) 6 p.m. Social (K of C and Lds. Aux.) 6:30 p.m. Adult choir Practice 7 p.m. K of C meeting (SKH - step side) 7 p.m. Lds. Aux. meeting (SKH - ramp side)	**3** **NO** Daily Mass 6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross 7 p.m. Fish Fry (Men's group) **OFFICE CLOSED**	**4** *Visiting Priest Fr. John Brown* 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. SKH Girl Scouts (Mrs. Wills) 4 p.m. Confessions **5 p.m. Mass** 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Girl Scouts (SKH) Mrs. Connair
5 *Visiting Priest Fr. John Brown* Children's choir sings at Mass (be here by 9:30) **10:30 a.m. Mass** Coffee and Doughnuts after Mass 3 p.m. 1st & 2nd Year Confirmation classes 3 p.m. WHIM practice **5 p.m. Mass** **GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY**	**6** **NO** Daily Mass	**7** **NO** Daily Mass	**8** **NO** Daily Mass 5:30 p.m. Children's choir practice 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. R. E. (K–6th) **NO** Fr. Eric's class 6:30 p.m. RCIA (LC)	**9** **NO** Daily Mass 6 p.m. ACTS Retreat (SKH) 6:30 p.m. Adult choir Practice	**10** **NO** Daily Mass 6:30 p.m. "Living" Stations of the Cross 7 p.m. Soup & Sandw. (RE - Teens) **OFFICE CLOSED**	**11** *Second Collection for Building Debt Reduction* 4 p.m. Confessions **5 p.m. Mass**