

St. Patrick Catholic Church

Pastor – Fr. Eric Filmer

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

CONFESSIONS:

4 p.m. Saturday – March 18th

MASS TIMES:

Saturday: 5 p.m. Mass on March 18th

Sunday: 10:30 a.m. Mass on March 19th

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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

March 20th through March 23^{rds}

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

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Sunday – March 19, 2017

Third Sunday of Lent



The Gospel Reading is: [John 4:5–42](#)

Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down there at the well. It was about noon. A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink..."

Our Prayer List:

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

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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.



2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal
Our Return to the Lord
The 2017 goal for St. Patrick is \$40,821.

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.

An Account of our Stewardship:

Debt Reduction principal balance as of February 28, 2016 is: \$136,759.24!!!

"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:

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

Our Lenten Journey

Fasting and Abstinence Rules:

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

Minimum requirements for fasting:

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 age 14 and over.

Lenten Food Drive

The Knights of Columbus and the Ladies Auxiliary will sponsor a *Lenten Food Drive* from March 18th — April 2nd. Marked tubs are in the Narthex.

Food collected will go to disadvantaged families in our Parish. Any remaining items will be donated to the Christian Service Center. Please be generous in your support.



Deanery Penance Services

Starts at 7 p.m. (*except St. Peter Claver*)

| Date | Church | Location |
|------------------------|-----------------------|----------|
| March 20 th | St. Joseph | Macon |
| March 27 th | Immaculate Conception | Dublin |
| March 30 th | Holy Spirit | Macon |
| April 3 rd | St. Patrick | Kathleen |

St. Peter Claver Confessions 8 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
EVERY WEDNESDAY during Lent



Don't forget to pick up a CRS Rice Bowl for Lent. They're on the main table in the Narthex.

Go to: <http://www.crsricebowl.org/> for more information on how you can help those in need.

6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross 7 p.m. Lenten Meal

| Date | Providing food | On the Menu |
|------------------------|---|--|
| March 17 th | All St. Patrick Parishioners and Religious Ed. Family & Children (K – 6 th) | Potluck reception in honor of Saint Patrick at 7:30 p.m. |
| March 24 th | Girl Scouts & Boy Scouts | Soup & Sandw. |
| March 31 st | Knights of Columbus and Ladies Auxiliary | Soup & Sandw. |
| April 7 th | RCIA & Choir | Soup & Sandw. |

Mass and Reception in honor of Saint Patrick

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

The Bishop has given us official dispensation involving abstinence on March 17th. You may bring a dish including meat, or a vegetarian dish to share.



Mom's Bible Study

Fridays during Lent from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. 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>

Counters Needed ASAP!

We have two groups of counters that will be retiring soon. And, we could use a few back-up counters. There are a total of 5 counter positions and 4 back-up positions to fill.

You would serve the second Sunday or fourth Sunday of each month. As a back-up counter, you would be called in if needed to sub.

Meet in the counting room at 11:30 a.m. on your designated Sunday to sort, count, copy checks, and get the deposit ready. Training provided.

If you would like to be considered for this important ministry please contact the office.

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.



Attention Mass Servers

Sign up sheets are in the Narthex for Holy Week and Easter Services.

Please sign up to be a Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Usher, Lector, or Gift Bearer.

Thank you for your service.

Holy Week Schedule for St. Juliana

Holy Thursday (April 13th):

7 p.m. Communion Service with Washing of Feet (Deacon Ken)

Good Friday (April 14th):

6 p.m. Stations of the Cross (outdoors in Spanish)

7:15 p.m. Bilingual Good Friday Liturgy (Fr. Eric & Deacon Ken)

Holy Saturday (April 15th):

8 p.m. Spanish Easter Vigil Mass (Fr. Juan Carlos)

Easter Sunday (April 16th):

8:30 p.m. English Mass (Fr. Samuel)

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.

Country Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus will have their Country Breakfast **this Sunday** – March 19th from 9 a.m. to Noon in St. Kevin's Hall.



Holy Week Schedule for St. Patrick

Holy Thursday (April 13th):

There is **no** 10 a.m. Mass on this day

12 p.m. Noon Ecumenical Prayer Service followed by a luncheon

7 p.m. Mass followed by Eucharistic Adoration

Good Friday (April 14th):

12:10 p.m. Stations of the Cross

7 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy (Deacon Jim)

Holy Saturday (April 15th):

There are **no** Confessions on this day

8:30 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday (April 16th):

10:30 a.m. Mass

12:30 p.m. Mass

There is **no** 5 p.m. Mass on this day

It's That Time of Year Again!

Would you please consider donating Plastic Easter eggs, baskets, prizes, and individually wrapped candy (but no chocolate please...it melts), for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday – April 16th?

Tubs for your donations are in the Narthex. Thank you!



International and Georgia State Awards for Knights of Columbus

St. Patrick's Council #14488 and the Ladies' Auxiliary have received the 2016 International First Runner-Up Trophy for Church Service from the Supreme Council of The Knights of Columbus. This is in recognition of the St. Michael Rectory Project (Montezuma) that was completed in 2016.



St. Patrick Knights and Auxiliary also received the Supreme Council Double Star Council Award for achieving over 200% of their membership growth goal, goals in insurance, and offering over 8,000

hours of voluntary service during 2016.

State Deputy Mark McMullen and District Deputy Mike Furman will formally present the awards at the end of the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday – March 26, 2017.



Because these milestones could not have been achieved without the generous support of our pastor and the congregation, we hope that all parishioners will attend this ceremony.

Stewardship March 19, 2017 Third Sunday of Lent

“For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same?” **Matthew 5:46 & 47**

Jesus once again invites us to step outside our comfort zones and reach out to those different from us, those who lack what we have, those we might not be inclined to care for. Lent is a good time to put Jesus' challenging encouragement into practice.

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

Useful Websites

- [Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Savannah](#)
- [Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Macon](#)
- [Immaculate Conception Catholic Church \(Dublin\)](#)
- [Our Lady of the Skies Chapel at Robins AFB](#)
- [Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Warner Robins](#)
- [St. Joseph Catholic Church in Macon](#)
- [St. Juliana Catholic Church in Fort Valley](#)
- [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](#)
- Diocese of Savannah <https://diosav.org/>
- United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) <http://www.usccb.org/>

Family Promise of Houston County

This month Family Promise could really use: Cleaning Supplies. The donation tub is in the Narthex. If you donate gift cards, please put them in the Office Box (outside the church office door.)

Lenten Prayer Service of Consolation

The Diocese of Savannah invites all victims of abuse, their families, friends and the community to gather for a Lenten Prayer Service of Consolation

Please join us at 7 p.m. on Wednesday – March 29th at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Savannah.

Bishop Gregory J. Hartmayer, OFM Conv. will preside over the service. Service ends at 8:30p.m..

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



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's 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.

| Time/Date | Lector | Eucharistic Ministers | Ushers | Altar Servers |
|--|------------|---|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Saturday 5 p.m. March 18 th | H. Hyatt | K. Drescher/J. McCabe J. & M. Molyson | J. Breyer/ _____/_____ | J. Niskoch J. Drescher |
| Sunday 10:30 a.m. March 19 th | P. Smagner | J. Papczynski/P. Taylor K. Corsentino/S. Camp L. Cabasares/C. Punch | S. Pumel/ _____/_____ | C. Papczynski A. Pumel S. Pumel |
| Sunday 5 p.m. March 19 th | M. Powers | K. Phillips/S. Guimond D. Sharpe/D. Sharpe *_____/>(*standby) | M. Kane/ _____/_____ | S. Guimond _____ _____ |

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| Mass Intentions | Sunday – March 19 th | 10:30 a.m. | Missa pro Populo | by Fr. Eric Filmer |
| | Sunday – March 19 th | 5 p.m. | † Binh Nguyen | by Van Nguyen & family |
| | Monday – March 20 th | 10 a.m. | † Donald Marco | by Carrie deMontfort |

| Time/Date | Lector | Eucharistic Ministers | Ushers | Altar Servers |
|--|-------------|---|---|----------------------------------|
| Saturday 5 p.m. March 25 th | B. Marino | J. Marino/ J. & M. Zimmermann | M. Connelly/R. Francisco J. Dominick/R. Frisch | J. Sigmon G. Fischer |
| Sunday 10:30 a.m. March 26 th | _____ | C. & R. Rattary S. Guimond/S. Camp K. Corsentino/_____ | J. Haimbaugh/ _____/_____ | S. Guimond _____ A. Weimer |
| Sunday 5 p.m. March 26 th | B. Johansen | R. Margetson/F. Story A. Bunkers/S. Pichette *C. Bulin (*standby) | J. Margetson/ _____/_____ | _____ _____ _____ |

St. Patrick Ministries and Organizations

Adult Choir: Arlene Roberge
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Celebrate Recovery:
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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

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Music Director:

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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

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/chilyouthprotection.

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 6 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 call 478-987-4213 and 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 you need to be added to our prayer list, or if a parishioner is in the hospital.

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.

