

St. Patrick Catholic Church

Pastor – Fr. Eric Filmer

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

CONFESSIONS:

4 p.m. Confessions – May 6th

MASS TIMES:

Saturday: 5 p.m. Mass – May 6th

Sunday: 10:30 a.m. Mass – May 7th

Weekday Masses: See calendar
on page 8 of this bulletin

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Kathleen, GA 31047

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Email: saintpat@stpatrickga.org

Website: stpatrickga.org

Facebook:

[facebook.com/stpatrickga](https://www.facebook.com/stpatrickga)

OFFICE HOURS

Open 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Monday – May 8th through
Thursday – May 11th

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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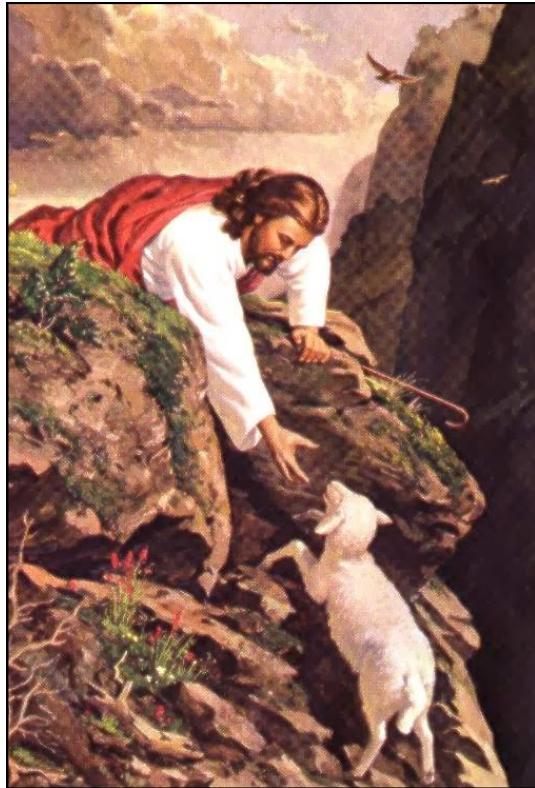
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Sunday – May 7, 2017

Fourth Sunday of Easter



Amen,
amen,
I say
to
you,
I am
the
gate
for
the
sheep...

The Gospel Reading is [John 10:1–10](#)

Jesus said: "Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber. But whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice. But they will not follow a stranger; they will run away from him, because they do not recognize the voice of strangers." Although Jesus used this figure of speech, the Pharisees did not realize what he was trying to tell them. So Jesus said again, "Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly."

Our Prayer List:

Linda Frisch	Bill Sautter	Millie & Larry Baker
Elizabeth Alvarez	Melinda Schroeder	Fr. Patrick Cunningham
Julie Ana	Joyce Scott	Kari Ann Hanks-Byrd
Marlene Bensley	Aimee Sears	Larry & Chris Hart families
Jessica Bischof	Noriko Selle	Chris & Jackie Lyons
John Bishop	Fr. Mike Smith	Eddie and Carol Mann
Fr. John Brown	Leo Spielman	Mel & Faye Pereski
David Crowe	Mary Ann Steele	Ricky & Rosemary Potenziani
Lisa Danforth	Henry Sumner	Cathy & Michael Purnell
Susan Davenport	Aidan Wilson	Bob & Kathi Seeger
“Pops” Drescher	Alfonsina Yates	Pamela & Matt Smagner
Dean Dow	Lydia Zammit	Vicky Austin & Frances Story
Patricia Edwards	Jeannie Zimmermann	the Williamson family
Irma Fitzgibbon		Dennis & Patricia Zawierucha

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 their history tied to their account.

Concerning Announcements and Notices

All announcements **MUST** go through the church office. Please **DO NOT** put **anything** in Fr. Eric’s folder on the altar.

Please **DO NOT** put handouts, pamphlets, notes, brochure, flyer, leaflets, tracts, circulars, (or any other type of written communication) in the Narthex or on the bulletin board. **ALL** communication must go through the church office for Fr. Eric’s approval. Thank you.

An Account of our Stewardship:

Debt Reduction principal balance as of March 31, 2017 is: \$127,704.28!!!

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.”



Bulletin Submissions

If you have something to go in the bulletin, send it to Lyn Gavel at saintpataa@stpatrickga.org, call the church office at 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”

As of May 2nd we have collected **\$30,789**. We are at **75%** of the \$40,821 goal with **19.93%** of our parish families participating.

Please pray for our military men and women:

WO2 Cory Bischof	Capt. Maura Hughes Hoffman	SP5 Brian M. Saul
A1C 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

Celebration 2018

When Saint Patrick's moved into our new church building in 2005, we did so with loans in excess of One Million Dollars and approximately 250 registered families. Over the years the number of Saint Patrick's registered families has more than doubled and we are almost reaching maximum capacity in our Religious Education classes. While we have watched our building debt go down, we've been hoping the balance would decline much faster. We believe there is a terrific opportunity to accelerate the rate to pay off the remaining debt by Saint Patrick's Day 2018. We'll also celebrate this notable occasion with a mortgage burning ceremony.

As of April 30, 2017 our remaining building loan balance is now less than \$128,000. If every family contributes \$40 per month (only \$10 per week) we can meet our Saint Patrick Celebration 2018 goal. We are so close to the finish line, and with everyone's support we can make it a reality.

We are blessed at Saint Patrick's to have a welcoming and generous parish who freely give their time, talent, and treasure to enrich God's kingdom on earth. We understand that some families may not be able to commit to \$40 per month whereas others may be able to contribute more. We ask that you prayerfully consider what is fiscally responsible and appropriate for your family's budget.

With the help of Father Eric and our Parish Council we pray that each of you, our parish family, will take this opportunity to realize this long awaited goal and celebrate with us on Saint Patrick's Day – March 17, 2018.

Your brothers in Christ,
Bernie Marino and Dick Morris
Celebration 2018 Co-Chairs

Carnations for Mother's Day

Sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary

Here is a wonderful way to Remember/Honor all of the special women in your life.

Support the St. Patrick Catholic Church Building Debt Reduction Fund by purchasing carnations for \$5 each.

Pink order paper will represent "In Honor of," and white order paper will represent "In Memory of."

Names of loved ones and donors will be listed in the bulletin, **and** the carnations will be displayed on the altar Mother's Day weekend (May 13th/14th).

Place your order before and after all Masses April 22nd thru May 8th.

Make checks payable to: "Saint Patrick Building Fund." (Please write "Mother's Day Flowers" in the memo line.)

Leave your order form(s) in the Narthex, in the box marked "Mother's Day Flowers."

You may take your flower(s) home after the Mass you attend on Mother's Day weekend.

**Last day to order is
Sunday – May 8th!!!**



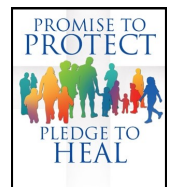
Funeral Arrangement Information

Funeral Service for Bill "Pops" Drescher will be Saturday – May 13th at St Patrick Catholic Church (2410 GA Hwy 127 Kathleen 31047). Visitation is from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.. Memorial Mass is at 10 a.m.. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations to go to Heart of Georgia Hospice in Perry <https://heartofgahospice.org/> **or** the St Patrick Church Building Fund.

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.

The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People was established by the USCCB in June 2002. <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/child-and-youth-protection/charter.cfm>



Novena to the Holy Spirit

Start on Friday of the 6th week of Easter.
(In 2017, begin May 26th.)

Go to: <https://www.ewtn.com/devotionals/pentecost/seven.htm> for more information.

St. Patrick Ministries and Organizations

Adult Choir: Arlene Roberge
478-953-8032 jdroberge@cox.net
Altar Guild: A little Church mouse
Celebrate Recovery: 478-731-5203
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 Director:
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

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



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).

**A Student's prayer
by St. Thomas Aquinas**

Creator of all things, true source of light and wisdom, origin of all being, graciously let a ray of your light penetrate the darkness of my understanding. Take from me the double Darkness in which I have been born, an obscurity of sin and ignorance. Give me a keen understanding, a retentive memory, and the ability to grasp things correctly and fundamentally. Grant me the talent of being exact in my explanations and the ability to express myself with thoroughness and charm. Point out the beginning, direct the progress, and help in the completion. I ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Attention 2017 Graduates

The Graduation Mass for 2017 will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday – May 21st at St. Patrick Church. If you are graduating (or you have graduated) from high school, homeschool, or college in 2017, please email Lyn in the church office: saintpataa@stpatrickga.org.

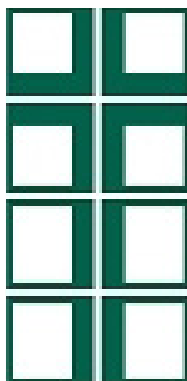
Deadline to submit your information is Monday – May 15th. Send in your name, school name, GPA, honors and awards, and plans for after graduation (work, more schooling, etc...). Graduate information will be in the May 21st and 28th bulletins.



VIRTUS

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

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



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



WHEN: **Saturday May 6, 2017**

Training Begins at 9:00

WHERE: Houston County Extension Office
801 Main Street | Perry, GA. 31069
478-987-2028 | uge2153a@uga.edu

COST: \$8.00/ Person

Make checks payable to Houston County Extension/4-H

Name: _____ (circle one) adult ; teen (age _____)

Contact Phone Number: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Number: _____

What is your purpose for becoming certified? _____

Brought to you by:
HOUSTON COUNTY EXTENSION



UNIVERSITY OF
GEORGIA
College of Agricultural &
Environmental Sciences



Registration Form Due:
May 3, 2017

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.)

Thank you so much!!! They really do appreciate your generosity.

Vocations Summer Camps 2017



Call to Holiness
Girls Camp |
June 25th — June 28th
Vocatio Dei Boys Camp
June 28th — July 1st

SPACE IS LIMITED so **please** register soon!

Registration fee (non-refundable) is due at the time of registration. It is \$70 for 1 child (additional children from the same family are \$50 each).

<https://diosav.org/vocations-summercamp>

Mail all forms and registration fee(s) to:
Vocations Office
2170 E. Victory Drive | Savannah, GA 31404

Transitional Diaconate Ordination

On Saturday — May 27, 2017 - Bishop Gregory J. Hartmayer, OFM Conv., will celebrate the ordination to the transitional diaconate of Chris Hassel and Patrick May at 10 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Savannah.

Stewardship May 7, 2017 Fourth Sunday of Easter

“His sheep follow him because they know his voice.” **John 10:4**

We hear the voice of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, inviting us to follow his compassionate, caring attitude.

So we not only respond with compassion to those we come across... we actively look for those in need. Like a shepherd who searches out one to assist, so do we, as we are true stewards of our world and its people.

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/>

Mark your calendars! **Little Bethlehem** will be here at St. Patrick selling their beautiful olive wood creations on November 4th/5th. Make plans and start saving now!

Celebrate Recovery

Women’s 12-step meetings.
Each Monday at 6 p.m.
Join us at Sacred Heart Catholic Church PAC in room 221.
Point of Contact is:
Rebeca Johansen 478-731-5203.

Mass Intentions	Saturday – May 6 th	5 p.m.	† Dinh Nguyen	by Van Nguyen & family
	Sunday – May 7 th	10:30 a.m.	Missa pro Populo	by Fr. Eric
	Sunday – May 7 th	12:30 p.m.	for everyone receiving First Communion	by Fr. Eric, the Deacons, staff, and parishioners of St. Patrick Catholic Church
	Tuesday – May 9 th	10 a.m.	† Prudencio de Guzman	by Preci Pioquinto
	Thursday – May 11 th	10 a.m.	† Jennie Parlato	by Al & Julie Parlato
	Saturday – May 13 th	5 p.m.	† William ‘Pops’ Drescher	by the Gavel family
	Sunday – May 14 th	10:30 a.m.	Missa pro Populo	by Fr. Eric
	Monday – May 15 th	10 a.m.	70 th Wedding Anniversary of Jim and Eleanor Hamel	by the Hamel family

Memorial Day Flag Program



Each year, hundreds of volunteers contribute to the success of the Memorial Day holiday programs at the Andersonville National Cemetery. The Memorial Day Flag Program begins Saturday morning and extends through the weekend so that we may properly honor the graves of our veterans. Groups can **REGISTER** to help with one or more of the following activities: Placing flags on Saturday; Tending flags on Saturday, Sunday, and/or Monday; Event assistance on Sunday; Picking up flags on Tuesday. **All** activities are currently open for registration. To register your group, fill out a **Flag Placement and Activities Form** and **submit it** (following the instructions on the form) **BEFORE May 8, 2016!!!**

As a measure of our thanks for your assistance, a special patch will be made available **to registered participants only**, courtesy of the park's cooperating association, Eastern National. For more information about Memorial Day at Andersonville: <https://www.nps.gov/ande/planyourvisit/memorialdayobservance.htm>



Mass	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers	Altar Servers
Saturday 5 p.m. May 6 th	M. Gavel	M. Milush/J. McCabe J. Lyons/K. Drescher	R. Milush/J. Margetson K. & N. Eckert	J. Drescher J. Niskoch
Sunday 10:30 a.m. May 7 th	L. Gregor	P. Smagner/S. Guimond L. Cabasares/K. Guidry K Corsentino/_____	J. Haimbaugh/_____ _____/_____	S. Guimond R. Moorehead _____

*****Reminder: NO 5 p.m. Mass on Sunday until August 20th*****

Mass	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers	Altar Servers
Saturday 5 p.m. May 13 th	H. Hyatt	K. Drescher/J. McCabe B. Sautter/R. Margetson	J. Drescher/J. Margetson A. & S. Baughman	G. Fischer M. Zimmermann
Sunday 10:30 a.m. May 14 th	D. Moorehead	J. Krumwiede/M. Patton A. & D. Hunter S. Camp/M. Papczynski	M. Kane/_____ _____/_____	K. Patton L. Patton A. Weimer

Abuse Hotline Number

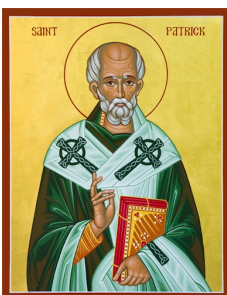
To report sexual abuse of a minor by a Diocese of Savannah employee call the Abuse Hotline Number 888-357-5330 or The Office for the Protection of Children and Young People 912-201-4073/4.

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 you 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.

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 RCLA = 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	4 NO Daily Mass May 2017 6 p.m. K of C Social 6:30 p.m. Adult Choir 7 p.m. K of C meeting (step side - SKH)	5 NO Daily Mass OFFICE CLOSED	6 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Girl Scouts (SKH) Mrs. Wills 4 p.m. Confessions 5 p.m. Mass	13 Second Collection for Building Debt Reduction Fund 4 p.m. Confessions 5 p.m. Mass 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Girl Scouts (SKH) Mrs. Connair	20 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
7 10:30 a.m. Mass Last day to order Mother's Day Carnations 12:30 p.m. Mass First Communion Mass NO 5 p.m. Mass	8 10 a.m. Mass 9 10 a.m. Mass 10 10 a.m. Mass	10 10 a.m. Mass 16 10 a.m. Mass 17 10 a.m. Mass	11 NO Daily Mass 6:30 p.m. Adult Choir 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. ACTS CORE (SKH)	18 10 a.m. Mass Office Organization Week 6:30 p.m. Adult Choir OFFICE CLOSED	12 NO Daily Mass OFFICE CLOSED	19 NO Daily Mass OFFICE CLOSED
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