

St. Patrick Catholic Church

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Office Hours:

Open: September 18th –
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(Monday – Thursday)

9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Office is **closed** every Friday

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday – September 17, 2017

Gospel reading is: [Matthew 18:21–35](#)

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times. That is why the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount. Since he had no way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt. At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.' Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan. When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount. He seized him and started to choke him, demanding, 'Pay back what you owe.' Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.' But he refused. Instead, he had the fellow servant put in prison until he paid back the debt. Now when his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were deeply disturbed, and went to their master and reported the whole affair. His master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?' Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart."

forgiveness



August 14, 2017

St. Patrick Church
Rev. Eric Filmer
2410 GA Hwy 127
Kathleen, GA 31047-2820

Dear Fr. Eric and the parishioners at St. Patrick Church,
Peace and all good things!

Throughout this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal I was heartened to hear from people throughout the Diocese just how much the theme *Our Return to the Lord* resonated with them personally. While many read the theme and reflected on what they will return to the Lord for all their many blessings, I learned that many took the message as a time to recommit to their faith and return to the Lord's Word. However the theme inspired you, I am delighted that it brought about thoughtful introspection. As we conclude this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal, I ask that you remember His blessings and give thanks each and every day for all that He has bestowed upon you and continue to be inspired by His Word.

In my video and letter, I asked everyone to prayerfully consider Psalm 116: "What shall I return to the Lord for all that he has given me?" It gives me great joy to know that you reflected upon this question and even greater joy to commend you all for surpassing your parish's goal. I thank you all for making a gift again this year or maybe even making a gift for the first time. St. Patrick Church is a model of what we can accomplish together in faith, love, and commitment.

Your gift will touch the lives of so many people through programs and services funded by the Bishop's Annual Appeal and I thank you all for your commitment to the Diocese of Savannah.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Gregory J. Hartmayer, OFM Conv.
Bishop of Savannah

cc: Ms. Maureen Coates

We are running this letter from Bishop Hartmayer again to make sure everyone has a chance to see it.

Fr. Eric wants all who donated to the Bishops Annual Appeal to know how much he appreciates your generosity.

2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal

"Our Return to the Lord"
As of September 6th we have collected: **\$43,102.**

We are at **106%** of our \$40,821 goal with **25.56%** of our parish families participating.

Thank you-Thank you-Thank you

Catholic Relief Services (CRS)

Msgr. Paul Knauer, from Catholic Relief Services, will be visiting St. Patrick Church September 23rd/24th. CRS is the official international relief and development agency that assists the poor and vulnerable in more than 100 countries on behalf of the Catholic Community in the United States.

Msgr. Knauer is part of a national effort to raise awareness on behalf of the poor overseas and provide different opportunities for you to get involved in the work of CRS.

Special Collection

We will take up a special collection at each Mass September 16th/17th for Victims of Hurricane Harvey. Our collection will go to the Diocese of Savannah then to **Catholic Charities USA (CCUSA)**. CCUSA is the official domestic relief agency of the Catholic Church.

If you would like to contribute straight to CCUSA for the recovery efforts, **and** are resident in the US, you may text CCUSADISASTER to 71777 or visit www.catholiccharitiesusa.org.

Our Church Prayer List

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| Jessica Bischof | Vicky Austin & Frances Story |
| Fr. John Brown | William Joseph Campbell, IV |
| Susan Davenport | Jim & Eleanor Hamel |
| Mark Funke | Fr. Patrick Cunningham |
| Debbie Gallion | Larry & Chris Hart and families |
| Rosalie Joerger | Roland Lallier |
| Noli Mariano | Chris & Jackie Lyons |
| Aidan McAtee | Eddie and Carol Mann |
| Michael Moniz | The Martin Family |
| Annette Patterson | Steve & Alice Miller |
| Aimee Sears | R. P. Rider & Mrs. Flora Rider |
| Thomas Ward | Pamela & Matt Smagner |
| Aidan Wilson | Jeannie Zimmerman |

Our Military Prayer List

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| WO3 Cory Bischof | Joseph "Ronie" Pioquinto |
| A1C Frankie Bulin, Jr. | Garret M. Purnell |
| Capt. R. Zachary Frisch | Capt. Jamie Zimmermann |
| RCT Nicholas Harkins | Capt. Ronnie Zimmerman |
| 1SG Grant Miller | All First Responders |

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

Blessing of Animals

In honor of the Feast Day of St. Francis, Fr. Eric will have a *Blessing of Animals* in front of the Church at 11 a.m. on Saturday – September 30th. All pets are welcome to attend.



Knights of Columbus
Country Breakfast 9 a.m. to Noon in St. Kevin's Hall
Sunday – September 17th.
Come and join us!

Special Hosts

We have special hosts, approved by the Vatican, with a very low wheat gluten content. Please call the church office and let us know if you need this type of host.

Join the 30th Annual National Life Chain

Sunday, October 1, 2017
1 p.m. – 2 p.m.

Hwy 96 at Houston Lake Road

**BRING YOUR FAMILY
STAND WITH OTHERS SILENTLY,
PRAYERFULLY, AND PEACEFULLY
WITNESS AGAINST THE KILLING OF
UNBORN CHILDREN
WITNESS AGAINST THE HEARTBREAK
OF MILLIONS OF WOMEN**

**Signs will be provided
You may bring a chair
Don't forget to bring water**

For more info please contact
Mark Funke 660-553-8444

For further information go to:
www.lifechain.net or
www.nationallifechain.org

Please arrive by 1 pm so we can
open with a prayer before
lining the street

Parish Goal for Celebration 2018

As of August 31, 2017 our remaining building loan balance is now less than **\$76,00**. Thank you for your generous donations.

There is a terrific opportunity to accelerate the rate to pay off the remaining debt by Saint Patrick's Day 2018. If every family contributes just \$10 a week (or \$40 a month), we can meet our goal for Saint Patrick Celebration 2018. We'll also mark this notable occasion with a mortgage burning ceremony.

Please prayerfully consider what is fiscally responsible and appropriate for your family's budget.

In Christ, Bernie Marino & Dick Morris
Celebration 2018 Co-chairs.

Bulletin Submissions and More...

If you have something to go in the bulletin, send it to Lyn: saintpataa@stpatrickga.org call the office 478- 987-4213, or put a note in the office box by **Monday** at Noon.

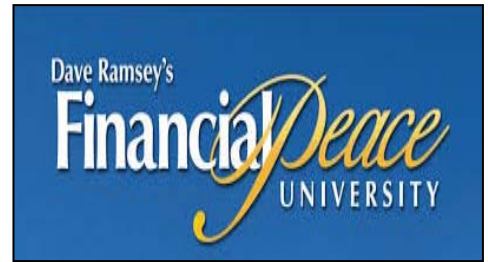
Please remember all notices, ads, signs, etc... must come through the church office for Fr. Eric's approval.

**An Account of our Stewardship:
Debt Reduction principal balance as
of August 31, 2017 is: \$75,745.65!!!**

Building Fund envelopes are available in the Narthex.

You may put your Building fund offering in at **any** Mass.

If you want to get control of your personal finances, stop living pay check to pay check, build wealth, and give then Financial Peace University is for you. Dave Ramsey's class will be held in St. Kevin's Hall starting Tuesday — September 19th. The class meets **every Tuesday** from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. through November 21st (**except for October 31st**). To register go to: <https://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/classes/1044361>. If you have questions, please call Bernie Marino 985-807-4862.



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.



Mission Statement

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

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



**Stewardship Verse for September 17, 2017
Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times."

Matthew 18:21-22

Websites

- *Diocese of Savannah <https://diosav.org/>
- *United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) <http://www.usccb.org/>
- * The Vatican (official website) <http://w2.vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html>

Family Promise

This month Family Promise needs: *gift cards* (for gas and food). Put gift cards in Office Box.

Club 247

For as little as \$2.47 a week, you can help put an end to homelessness. Pick up a flyer in the Narthex.

**A Journey into the
Heart & Soul of Ireland
12 Days: October 16 to 27 of 2018**

Spiritual Director: Rev. Eric Filmer,
St. Patrick Catholic Church - Kathleen, GA.
Group Coordinator: Deacon Jim Roberge.

Pricing, Color Brochure, and Registration
available after December 27, 2017

VIRTUS REFRESHER

If you completed the VIRTUS training class more than five years ago, take a *Refresher Training Packet* from the CD table in the Narthex. Read the material then sign the "acknowledgment" page (the last page). Drop the signed page ONLY in the office box outside the church office. Thank you for helping to keep our children safe.

St. Patrick Ministries and Organizations

Adult Choir: Arlene Roberge
478-953-8032 acroberge@cox.net

Altar Guild:
Done by a wonderful little church mouse

Bereavement Coordinator:
Would you like to volunteer?

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

LifeTEEN:
Veganda Wasserman 478-987-4213
Keri Anderson 478-396-7005

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

Wedding Coordinator:
Cheryl Punch 478-273-7077

WHIM (With Him in Music):
Mark Funke 660-553-8444

The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People is a comprehensive set of procedures established by the USCCB in June 2002 for addressing allegations of sexual abuse of minors by Catholic clergy. The Charter also includes guidelines for reconciliation, healing, accountability, and prevention of future acts of abuse.

Visit: <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/child-and-youth-protection/charter.cfm>.

Mass	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers	Altar Servers
Saturday 5 p.m. September 16 th	B. Kurutz	K. Drescher/B. Sautter T. Colvin/M. Johnson	R. Francisco J. Niskoch/J. Drescher S. Baughman	M. Zimmermann J. Molyson
Sunday 10:30 a.m. September 17 th	S. Sears	S. Guimond/S. Camp L. Cabasares/K. Phillips P. Smagner/K. Corsentino	Pumel/_____ _____/_____	S. Guimond E. Sears D. Sears
Sunday 5 p.m. September 17 th	J. Breyer	R. Margetson/K. Guidry D. Moorehead/_____ *V. Wasserman (*standby)	J. Margetson/_____ _____/_____	R. Moorehead _____

Mass Intentions	September 16 th	Saturday	5 p.m.	† Pops Drescher	by Joe & Dot McCabe
	September 17 th	Sunday	10:30 a.m.	Missa pro Populo	by Fr. Eric Filmer
	September 17 th	Sunday	5 p.m.	† Charles Flagg	by Elvira Flagg
	September 23 rd	Saturday	5 p.m.	† Pops Drescher	by Helen Swinyard

Mass	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers	Altar Servers
Saturday 5 p.m. September 23 rd	M. Gavel	L. Gavel/M. Zimmermann K. Drescher/J. Lyons	J. Niskoch/J. McCabe M. Connelly/J. Gavel	J. Drescher J. Molyson
Sunday 10:30 a.m. September 24 th	H. K. Hyatt	P. Taylor/S. Guimond K. Corsentino/B. Swain A. Hunter	M. Kane/_____ _____/_____	S. Guimond B. Delcourt K. Delcourt
Sunday 5 p.m. September 24 th	C. Punch	R. Margetson/K. Guidry David Sharpe/_____ *V. Wassermann (*standby)	J. Margetson/_____ J. Breyer/_____	_____ _____

Mass Intentions	September 24 th	Sunday	10:30 a.m.	Missa pro Populo	by Fr. Eric Filmer
	September 24 th	Sunday	5 p.m.	† Binh Nguyen	by Van Nguyen & family
	September 28 th	Thursday	10 a.m.	† Sharon Filholm	by JoAnn Aaron
	September 30 th	Saturday	5 p.m.	† Gary "Tex" Thiel	By Fr. Eric

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 Knights of Columbus table in the Narthex. Please do not leave family heirlooms in the jar. Rosaries will be inspected (then repaired and reused if possible).



St. Patrick Family Database

Our family database "ConnectNow" is available online at:

<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.

Questions? Call Veganda in the church office.

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>.

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 Jim, (or in office) Veganda, or Lyn.

Updates and Information

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 or in a nursing home and would like to receive Holy Communion, if you need to be added to our church prayer list or our military prayer list, or if a parishioner is in the hospital.

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 a Baptism Prep Class (2nd Sunday of each month at 11:45 a.m. - depending on Deacon Jim's schedule.
- * **Call office to register for class!**
- * Godparents are invited to attend.
- * 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.

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p>Fr. Eric Filmer with Francis Aloysius Delaney, III. On Saturday – September 9th, at the 5 p.m. Mass, we had the pleasure of finally meeting the elusive Aloysius. Fr. Eric was using the name in his homily and said, “No one is named Aloysius these days” and Mr. Delaney raised his hand and said, “I’m right here!” It was too funny. It’s the first time in 12 years of preaching that Fr. Eric has EVER come across anyone named Aloysius.</p>		<p>Spotted at St. Patrick</p> <p>Look what Hurricane Irma blew in all the way from Florida, It's Aloysius!!!</p>	<p>13 SEPTEMBER</p> <p>NO Children's choir</p> <p>NO R. E. (K – 5th)</p> <p>NO Fr. Eric Bible Study</p> <p>NO RCIA</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>14</p> <p>NO Adult choir practice</p> <p>NO Cursillo</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>15</p> <p>NO LifeNight!</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>16</p> <p><i>Special Collection for Victims of Hurricane Harvey</i></p> <p>4 p.m. Confessions</p> <p>4:40 p.m. Rosary</p> <p>5 p.m. Mass</p>
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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