

St. Patrick Catholic Church

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Deacon James Roberge / Deacon Emeritus Ralph McAtee

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Confession: 4 p.m. Saturday

Mass Schedule:

See calendar on pg. 7

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

Monday – March 19th through
Thursday – March 22nd

Closed for lunch Noon to 1 p.m. daily

The office is **closed** every Friday

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Fifth Sunday of Lent **Sunday – March 18, 2018** **The Gospel Reading is [John 12:20–33](#)**

Some Greeks who had come to worship at the Passover Feast came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we would like to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me. "I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again." The crowd there heard it and said it was thunder; but others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come for my sake but for yours. Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself." He said this indicating the kind of death he would die.



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



Our Church Prayer List

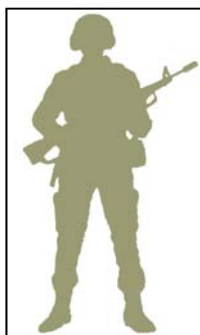
Mimi & Noe Acosta
 Michael Alvarez
 Jessica Bischof
 Amy Bobbit
 Rick Bowman
 Fr. John Brown
 Richard Carter
 Susan Davenport
 Irma Fitzgibbons
 Mark Funke
 Debbie Gallion
 Len Gregor

Marie Hoock
 Rebecca Johansen
 Roland Lallier
 Jackie Lyons
 Fr. Nicholas Mansell
 Noli Mariano
 Aidan McAtee
 Dot McCabe
 John McCauley
 Michael Moniz
 Louise Peyton
 Aimee Sears

Ashley Tanner
 Aidan Wilson
 Cita Zelenak
 Vicky Austin & Frances Story
 Fr. Patrick Cunningham
 Larry & Chris Hart and families
 Rosalie & Bernie Joerger
 LeBlanc, Cyr, & Wilson families
 C. J., Callie, and Dani Light
 Eddie and Carol Mann
 Mel & Faye Pereski
 Matt & Pamela Smagner

Our Military Prayer List

WO3 Cory Bischof
 A1C Frankie Bulin, Jr.
 QM (SN) Trevor J. Chastain
 ETR3 Brett Couto
 Capt. R. Zachary Frisch
 RCT Nicholas Harkins
 1SG Grant Miller
 Garret M. Purnell
 Joseph "Ronie" Pioquinto
 2Lt Logan Stockman
 Capt Jamie Zimmermann
 Capt Ronnie Zimmerman



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

Special Flu Season Communion Announcement

Due the severity of the current flu season, Communion at St. Patrick Church is currently available only in the form of the Host for the remainder of the flu season. A cup of the Precious Blood is present for those who are not able to receive the Host for medical reasons (such people should inform me or Deacon Jim ahead of time and use one of our Communion lines). Naturally, a person gains the same sacramental graces of the Eucharist when receiving only the Host or only the Precious Blood. As always, let us be mindful to pray for all the sick and suffering.

Sincerely yours in Christ, Fr. Eric

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

Catholic Answers: Ready Reasons

Is the Holy Spirit the Same as the Force?

Learn Your Faith in
 3 Minutes or Less!

Hear expert apologists from Catholic Answers respond to popular objections with short, easy-to-understand teachings. In this Ready Reasons, Karlo Broussard considers our faith in light of themes from the Star Wars movies to show that the Holy Spirit is the Third Person of the Trinity, not an impersonal force.



"Way to go Karlo... Loved the answer! Keep up the good work."

—Rick C., Guthrie, OK

FORMED.ORG

Use St. Patrick Parish Code **384DDG** to access information.

Watch on formed.org



This month Family Promise needs:

Gift cards to Walmart

(Please put gift cards in the Office Box located outside the office door.)
 Thank You for your support!!!

Club 247

For as little as \$2.47 a week, you can help put an end to homelessness. Flyers are on the bulletin board in the hallway.

Lenten Food Drive

The Knights of Columbus and the Ladies Auxiliary will sponsor a Lenten Food Drive through March 25th. 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. Thank you for your support.

2018 Holy Week Schedule for ST. PATRICK

Holy Thursday – March 29th

- ◆ **NO** 10 a.m. Mass today
- ◆ 12 noon Ecumenical Prayer Service followed by luncheon
- ◆ 7 p.m. Mass

Good Friday – March 30th

- ◆ 12:10 p.m. Stations of the Cross
- ◆ 7 p.m. Good Friday Service

Holy Saturday – March 31st

- ◆ **NO** Confessions today
- ◆ **NO** 5 p.m. Mass today
- ◆ 8:30 p.m. The Great Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday – April 1st

- ◆ 9 a.m. Mass
- ◆ 11 a.m. Mass
- ◆ Easter Egg Hunt after 11 a.m. Mass
- ◆ **NO** 5 p.m. Mass today

2018 Bishop’s Annual Appeal

“Missionary Disciples.” Your sacrificial gift and prayers will help make this year’s appeal a success.

Our parish target is \$41,565!

Living the Eucharist

is a Diocesan wide, parish-based program designed to help revitalize parish life and spirituality through a more profound experience of Sunday Mass.



It will also help the entire parish grow in their Catholic faith, and live more fully as disciples of Jesus.

Small groups meet:

- Monday – after Daily Mass & at 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday – at 7 p.m.
- Wednesday – after Daily Mass & at 6:30 p.m.
- Friday – after Stations of the Cross

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 permitted.

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.

St. Patrick Catholic Church Schedule for Stations of the Cross and Lenten Suppers
(Everyone invited to attend! There is no charge for Lenten Suppers.)

Date	Day of the Week	Stations of the Cross	Lenten Supper	Providing food	On the Menu
March 16 th	Friday	6:30 p.m.	7 p.m.	Knights of Columbus and Ladies Auxiliary	Soup & Sandwiches
March 23 rd	Friday	6:30 p.m.	7 p.m.	RCIA and Adult Choir	Soup & Sandwiches

Mass	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers	Ushers	Altar Servers
Saturday 5 p.m. March 17 th	G. Strandburg	NO Extraordinary Ministers are needed at 5 p.m. Saturday Mass. Communion is currently available only in the form of the Host for the remainder of the flu season.	M. Gavel/J. Gavel _____/_____	J. Niskoch J. Drescher
Sunday 10:30 a.m. March 18 th	P. Smagner	Only two Extraordinary Ministers are needed for the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass.	M. Kane/_____ _____/_____	_____ _____ _____
Sunday 5 p.m. March 18 th	M. Powers	One (standby) Extraordinary Minister is needed only if the Deacon is not at 5 p.m. Mass.	S. Pumel/_____ _____/_____	A. Pumel R. Moorehead

Mass Intentions	March 17 th	Saturday	11 a.m.	Father Eric's Intention	by Fr. Eric Filmer
	March 17 th	Saturday	5 p.m.	† Chris Lyons	by Knights of Columbus
	March 18 th	Sunday	10:30 a.m.	Missa pro Populo	by Fr. Eric Filmer
	March 18 th	Sunday	5 p.m.	† Stanley Wells	by Dr. John Connolly
	March 19 th	Monday	10 a.m.	† Ulysses DeGuzman	by Preci Pioquinto
	March 21 st	Wednesday	10 a.m.	† Carole Genova	by Michele Hendrickson
	March 22 nd	Thursday	10 a.m.	Missa pro Populo	by Fr. Eric Filmer

Inspirational Speaker Event

Mount de Sales Academy is excited to bring renowned speaker, Dr. Kevin Elko, to campus on Wednesday — April 11th at 5:15 p.m. at the Zuver Performing Arts Center. Dr. Elko will bring a faith-based message about how life's obstacles can be life changing through faith. This free event is for adults and children ages 12 and above. Reservations are required.

Sign up at <http://mtdesales.link/elko>.



An ACTS retreat is a Catholic lay retreat presented by fellow parishioners. Talks and Activities during the retreat focus on Adoration, Service, Community, and Theology.

April 5—8, 2018: Men's Retreat
John Reilly at 478-956-5045

Questions? gaactsrep@gmail.com
or <http://www.actsmissions.org>

Stewardship

March 18, 2018 / 5th Sunday of Lent

Although Christ was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered.

Hebrews 5:8

Although suffering is part of life, Christians have always sought to alleviate suffering wherever possible. A steward seeks out ways to soften the difficulties of life for family and friends, for neighbors, and those far away.

Why are you chasing rainbows looking for your pot-o-gold? They have been sitting across from you at the table all along! Attend a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** Weekend in 2018 April 20—22 **or** June 15—17.

Go to: GATN-wwme.org
or call 678-242-WWME.

Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial:
enriquecetumatrimonio.org



Each month, the USCCB Office for Child & Youth Protection livestreams the Rosary on its Facebook page www.facebook.com/usccb for victims/survivors of clergy sexual abuse. **At 10 a.m. on Wednesday — March 21, 2018** the Rosary will be streamed from the Chapel at the Catholic Pastoral Center in Savannah. If you are in the area, please join them as they keep the intentions of victims/survivors and their healing in our prayers. If you are not in the area, please join them in prayer via Facebook.

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 police or the Houston County Department of Family and Children Services
478-988-7600

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

State of GA Hotline:
1-855-442-4453
[State of Georgia DFACS](http://www.diosav.org)

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.



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

St. Patrick Ministries and Organizations

Adult Choir:

Arlene Roberge 478-953-8032
acroberge@cox.net

Bereavement Committee:

We need a new chairperson, please call the church office!

Celebrate Recovery:

Rebecca Johansen
478-731-5203
(meets at Sacred Heart
PAC 7 p.m. every Tuesday)

Children's Choir:

Carol Strandburg

Cub Scouts:

Chris Delcourt 603-502-2310

Family Promise:

We need a new organizer!

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

Ladies Auxiliary:

Kathy Eckert 478-971-3389
eckertk2@juno.com

Men's Group:

Steve Merlino

Mom's group:

Katie Weimer 478-235-1907
jandkweimer@gmail.com

Music Director:

Arlene Roberge 478-953-8032
acroberge@cox.net

Parish Council:

Ann Kane 478-396-2987

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults):

Deacon Jim & Arlene Roberge
478-953-8032

Visitation: (for St. Patrick Catholic Church)

Bill Johansen 478-218-5885

Wedding Coordinator:

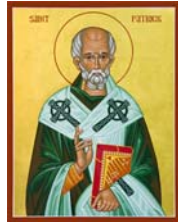
Cheryl Punch 478-273-7077

WHIM (With Him in Music):

Mark Funke 660-553-8444
funkem660@gmail.com

ConnectNow is our St. Patrick Database
<https://connectnow.parishsoft.com/savannah/>

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 in the Narthex under the office box.



If you have something to go in the bulletin, send it to: saintpataa@stpatrickga.org by **Thursday** at Noon for inclusion in the following weeks' bulletin. (You may also call the office, or put a note in the office box.)

TEXT Your Donation

Text Giving: Text your offering dollar amount to number 478-217-7615. Please note *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 from where your donations are withdrawn.

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.

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. Call the office or see a staff member to buy.

This is the QR code for ConnectNow Online giving. Go to: stpatrickga.org. Look for Online Donations in lower right corner.



Please contact the church office: if you have 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 or military prayer list; if a parishioner is in the hospital, or near death.

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 Prep Class so, **call the office** to register for class!
- * Godparents are invited to attend.
- * At least one Godparent must be 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 (or more) prior 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 have **special hosts**, approved by the Vatican, with a very low wheat gluten content. Call the church office and let us know if you need this type of host.

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. The 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).

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p>LifeTEEN Thirty-one 'FUN'draiser! Thank you for your support!!! The fundraiser generated \$528 in sales with \$105 going to LifeTEEN for their trip to Steubenville Atlanta in July 2018!</p>  <p>Leading Teens Closer to Christ</p>			14	15	16	17
			10 a.m. Mass 5:30 p.m. Children's choir practice 6:30 p.m. R. E. (K – 5) 6:30 p.m. RCIA (main church) Fr. Eric will be teaching on the Eucharist. All invited to attend!	10 a.m. Mass 6:30 p.m. Adult choir practice 7:30 p.m. Cursillo (Library)	All invited: 6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross 7 p.m. Soup & Sandw. (Knights of Columbus and the Ladies Auxiliary) OFFICE CLOSED	11 a.m. Mass and Mortgage Burning followed by Corned Beef and Cabbage Luncheon  4 p.m. Confessions 4:40 p.m. Rosary 5 p.m. Mass St. Patrick's Day
Fifth Sunday of Lent 18	19	20	21	22	23	24
10:30 a.m. Mass 3 p.m. WHIM practice 3 p.m. R. E. (Pre, 1 st , and 2 nd year Confirmation classes) 5 p.m. Mass 6 p.m. LifeTeen	10 a.m. Mass Would you like to advertise your business in our bulletin? Contact Rob Kennedy rkennedy@4LPi.com or 804-366-4838. 	10 a.m. Communion Service	10 a.m. Mass 5:30 p.m. Children's choir practice 6:30 p.m. R. E. (K – 5) 6:30 p.m. RCIA	10 a.m. Communion Service 6:30 p.m. Adult choir practice 7:30 p.m. Cursillo (Library)	All invited: 6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross then, 7 p.m. Soup & Sandw. (RCIA and Adult choir) OFFICE CLOSED	4 p.m. Confessions 5 p.m. Mass
Sixth Sunday of Easter 25	26	27	28	29	30	31
10:30 a.m. Mass 3 p.m. WHIM practice NO R. E. 5 p.m. Mass NO LifeTeen Palm Sunday	10 a.m. Mass	10 a.m. Communion Service Don't forget to bring your Rice Bowls back to church on Easter!	10 a.m. Communion Service 5:30 p.m. Children's choir practice NO R. E. NO RCIA Prep for Easter Egg Hunt!	NO 10 a.m. Mass NO Communion Service 12 Noon Ecumenical Prayer Service then luncheon NO Adult choir practice NO Cursillo 7 p.m. Mass followed by Adoration until 10 p.m. Holy Thursday	Pontifical Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land 12:10 p.m. Stations of the Cross 7 p.m. Good Friday Service OFFICE CLOSED	Special Collection for Priest's Retirement NO Confessions today NO 5 p.m. Mass 8:30 p.m. the Great Easter Vigil Mass Holy Saturday