St. Patrick Catholic Church

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Church Office OPEN

December 4th — December 7th (Monday thru Thursday)

Church Office Hours: 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Church Office is <u>CLOSED</u>: Noon to 1 p.m. for lunch

Church Office: CLOSED every Friday

Mass Schedule: on page 7

Confessions:

Every Saturday from 3:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Rosarv before Mass:

In the Church very third Saturday at 4:35 p.m.

Rosary Outside:

Every Friday at 7 p.m. in the Rosary Garden (Raining? Meet in Our Lady of Knock Hall)

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Mary Pangborn

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First Sunday of Advent — December 3, 2023 Gospel Reading: Mark 13:33—37

Jesus said to his disciples: "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. It is like a man traveling abroad. He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his own work, and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch. Watch, therefore; you do not know when the lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'"



Advent, which starts the Church's liturgical year, begins Sunday — December 3rd this year. The Advent season is a time to prepare our hearts and minds for the celebration of the Lord's birth.

The circle of the **wreath**, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God.

The **candles** also have their own special significance. The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent, and one candle is lit each Sunday.

The first candle, which is purple, symbolizes **hope**. It is sometimes called the "Prophecy Candle" in remembrance of the prophets, especially Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. It represents the expectation felt in anticipation of the coming Messiah.

St. Patrick Catholic Church Mission Statement

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



Christmas Flower Donations

Would like to donate money to help offset the cost of our Christmas flowers for the Altar? You may donate "In Memory of" or "In Honor of" a friend or loved one.

You may use cash or check. Put your cash **or** check in a 'Christmas Flower Offering' envelope. (Make checks payable to



St. Patrick Catholic Church with "Christmas flowers" in the memo line.) Put envelopes in the Office Box or any Offertory box in the Narthex. **Please Print Clearly!**

Names will be listed in our Christmas and New Year bulletins.



Lunch with Santa!
Sponsored by the
Knights of Columbus.
December 17th (Sun.)
after 10:30 a.m. Mass.
Hot dogs served.
Briing the family.
Free event!

Plenary Indulgence Opportunity

In honor of the 800th anniversary of the Christmas at Greccio (where St. Francis of Assisi created the first nativity scene), the Vatican has approved a plenary indulgence from December 8, 2023 through February 2, 2024.

Indulgence is obtained by visiting a parish run by Franciscans and praying in front of its nativity scene. The closest such parishes are St. Peter Claver and Holy Spirit. Both of these Churches are in Macon.

Likewise, "those who are sick or unable to participate physically can equally benefit, from the gift of plenary indulgence, by offering their sufferings to the Lord or carrying out practices of piety."

The other requirements for obtaining a plenary indulgence apply (see "Plenary Indulgences – General Conditions" at: https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/devotions/conditions-13362



Please pray for: Carolyn Bennett Sandra Bishields Lillian Brown Jayci Cox Kay Davis Ronda Deppe Delaney Dykes Patsey Driskell Charles Filmer Stephen Foster Michael Graul Larry Hart Julie Martin Dot McCabe Dolores Noell Chloe Orvek Aurora Perez Ernesto Rey Dalton Roper Elizabeth Salter Meck Santos Crystal Seeger Aimee Sears Willie Swain Clem Tyson	Vicki Austin & Frances Story Lee and Maria Bussius Bill and Ellen Davidson William Giordanella Joel Grieves & Leo Grieves Vanessa Hammonds David Hines and family Tom & Hope Hyatt Jason Kalbfeld Kevin & Jackie Kennedy Deacon Ralph and Mrs. Dotty McAtee Mel and Faye Pereski	Kathleen Bre Beossau Rosemary Potenziani Sharon Rebeske Bob and Kathi Seeger Beverly and Joe Sendek Bonnie Smagner Sexton Richard Shelcusky George and MaryAnn Steele Patrick and Kathryn Walrath Ted and Dolores Walter
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If you want to add your name, or a loved one's name to our Prayer List, call the church office at 478-987-4213, drop a note in the Office Box, or email Lyn @ saintpataa@stpatrickga.org.

Names will remain on the prayer list for 30 days (unless more time is requested).

Mass or Communion Service Schedule

To schedule a Mass Intention call 478-987-4213 or come by the church office

December 2 nd Vigil Mass	Saturday	5 p.m.	† John McCann	by the Gladu family	
December 3 rd Mass	Sunday	10:30 a.m.	Missa pro Populo	by Fr. Eric R. Filmer	
December 3 rd Mass	Sunday	5 p.m.	† John and † Joan O'Day	by Veganda Wasserman	
December 4 th Communion Service	Monday	10 a.m.	Communion Service with Deacon Jim Roberge		
December 5 th Mass	Tuesday	10 a.m.	Diocese of Savannah Vocations	by St. Patrick parish	
December 6 th Mass	Wednesday	10 a.m.	Happy birthday to Meredeth Blayton	by the Freeman family	
December 7 th Mass	Thursday	10 a.m.	† Lois Monahan	by Roger and Maria Green	
December 7 th Vigil Mass	Thursday	6:30 p.m.	In thanksgiving to God for the many blessings He has bestowed on our parish	by St. Patrick parish	
December 8 th Mass	Friday Holy Day of Obligation	6:30 p.m.	Missa pro Populo—The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	by Fr. Eric R. Filmer	

Please Pray for our Military Men and Women and their Families

SrA Frankie Bulin, Jr.
TSgt Thomas Colvin
ITS1 Brett Couto
SPC Austin Darrah
Maj. Bill Freeman
Capt. Brian Z. Haimbaugh
TSgt Tom Harden

SSgt David King 1SGT Grant Miller A1C Shavin Malonzo Joseph "Ronie" Pioquinto Garret M. Purnell Major William Sautter Major Kelly Tabor

SRA Kyle Vandermeide Major Jacqueline McDermott-Wintch Major Timothy Wintch Capt. Jamie Zimmermann Capt. Ronnie Zimmermann

Names of military members remain on the prayer list until removal is requested.

To have your name, or the name of a loved one, added to our Military Prayer List, put a note in the Office Box, call the church office 478-987-4213, or email Lyn at: saintpataa@stpatrickga.org.

Important Information about St. Patrick Catholic Church!!!

Welcome to all Visitors

We are glad you are here worshipping with us. If you attend Mass on a regular basis at St. Patrick, would you please consider making us your home church?

Registration forms are in the basket (underneath the Office Box) in the Narthex. Fill one out and put it in the Office Box. Or, you may take the registration form home with you and fill it out. Then, bring it back to Mass with you and drop it in the Office Box. You may also register online at our church website: www.stpatrickga.org/home

Please contact the church office:

if you have any changes in your email, phone, address, or military status; if you have moved; if you 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, and needs Anointing of the Sick.

St. Patrick Catholic Church Sacramental Policies

Baptism

- * Parents <u>must be registered</u> at St. Patrick and attend Mass for **3 months** <u>before</u> preparation.
- * Parents must attend Baptism Prep Class so, please call the office to register for class!
- * Godparents invited to attend Baptism class.
- * At least <u>one</u> godparent must be a Catholic good standing.
- * Non St. Patrick godparents must provide a sponsorship letter from their home parish office. The letter must be received by St. Patrick Church office prior to requesting a date for the Baptism.

Marriage – Couples must:

- * Contact the pastor <u>at least</u> **6 months** (or more) <u>prior</u> 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 **14 years old** to receive Confirmation.

The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People is a comprehensive set of procedures established in June 2002 by the USCCB 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.

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 2170 East Victory Dr., Savannah, GA. 31404-3918 Toll-free Hotline: (888) 357-5330 diosav.org childyouthprotection

To report abuse <u>locally</u>, contact the police <u>or</u> 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

Diocesan policy requires any adult volunteer/employee to be in Safe Environment compliance.

Questions? Go to: VIRTUSonline.org or, call Veganda in the church office at 478-987-4213.

Attention Parents/Guardians

Because our church is open to the general public, always accompany your child/children to and from the restroom.

Attention Everyone

Be alert! If you see something, say something. Thank you for keeping our children safe.

Want to donate online? Use the QR code (to the right) or *ConnectNow Online Giving*. Or go to stpatrickga.org (church website) and Click on the 'Online Donations' logo (in the lower right corner of the page) and follow the instructions, OR create account or sign-in to ParishSOFT: https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stp2410150

Donate by Text Message! Text dollar amount of offering to **478-217-7615**. *Messaging rates may apply*

<u>All donors</u> who text their donations and donate online (or through the mobile web interface) will have their giving history tied to their account.

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Important Information about St. Patrick Catholic Church!!!



Fund Raiser Get a \$20 car wash for \$10!!!

See a member of the Knights of Columbus after Mass to buy tickets.

You may order tickets by putting your name, phone number, and the number of tickets you'd like to purchase on the order sheet (in the Narthex). The order sheet will be checked weekly.



Do you have something to go in the bulletin?

Email Lyn at: saintpataa@stpatrickga.org. Sending an e-mail is best, but you may also call the church office, or drop a note in the office box.

> Deadline for submission is at least <u>2 weeks before</u> your information needs to be in the bulletin!

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A **link** will be sent to your email account

To access **formed** content: watch.formed.org

Proper Disposal of Sacramental Items

The Knights of Columbus (K of C) will collect your worn 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.

Rosaries will be inspected, then repaired and reused (if possible). Please **do not** leave family heirlooms in the jar.

Celiac Disease, Non-Celiac Gluten Sensitivity, and Wheat Allergy

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

Mass Broadcast LIVE online

Facebook has <u>dropped</u> Facebook Live!

We broadcast St. Patrick Catholic Church
Services live on our YouTube Channel now:

https://www.youtube.com/@stpatrick kathleenga2640/streams

For those who have a facebook account, we will continue to simulcast the video stream on our Facebook Channel https://www.facebook.com/stpatrickga/



St. Patrick Church has its own myParish app available for our parishioners to download on Apple iPhones and Android phones.

St. Patrick Church will be able to communicate with all parishioners via messages/notifications that keep you in the loop with what is going on in our church. You will be able to quickly reply to messages and/or RSVP for upcoming events.

Download **myParishApp** by taking a picture of the QR code or, text **APP** to phone number 55321 and stay connected all week long.

!!! Attention !!!

As a security measure, **doors to the church** are locked shortly after the Mass begins.

If you arrive late, please wait outside the door and an usher will let you inside.

You may exit the building at any time through any door that is convenient.

Please note:
None of the locks on the doors prevent exiting (per fire code).



Photo by Marc Schroeder Please consider remembering St. Patrick Catholic Church in your will. It would be an expression of gratitude and thanksgiving towards God for all that you have been given and enjoyed in life. And, it's a way of ensuring that your past can be part of the future of the life of our church.

St. Patrick Catholic Church Financial Information for October 2023					
Fund	October 2023 Totals	Fiscal Year Totals	Budgeted Amount	Over/Under Budget	
Offertory	\$55,302.74	\$204,817.09	\$160,000.00	\$44,817.09	
Building Fund	\$16,989.00	\$50,407.00	\$40,000.00	\$10,407.00	

What's Going on in other Churches and at the Diocese of Savannah

2024 Annual Women's Retreat – Beloved Daughters of the Father

January 19-21, 2024

Online registration is now available!

Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreat 107 Holy Trinity Road | Fort Mitchell, AL 36856

Join us for a retreat on forgiveness, mercy, and healing with Meg Albertini as she ties in women from scripture. This is a retreat for women in all walks of life. We have connected the image of a hyssop for this retreat – the Biblical symbolism is for cleansing the soul.

As women, we are uniquely made to gather, ponder, hold, and birth holiness into the world. We do this simply and quietly by being fully present to Jesus, ourselves, and others – we are Eucharistic. Come to fully embrace your true calling and see yourself through the eyes of the Father as his Most Beloved Daughter!

During the weekend you will have the opportunity to experience prayer, presentations, holy conversations, time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, and close with a Eucharistic Celebration.

Christian Service Center

The Christian Service Center is the outreach program of Sacred Heart Catholic Church. They provide assistance to families in need in the North Houston County community regardless of race, nationality, gender, or religious preference.

Contact: 478-929-3897 **or** visit their website: https://www.sacredheartwr.org/christian-service-center

Business Hours:

- ◆ Monday, Wednesday, and Friday: Food assistance — 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Financial aid — 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- ◆ Monday and Wednesday: Clothing closet — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Closed for Federal holidays

Location: 136 Northview Avenue, W/R, GA 31088

For additional information <u>or</u> volunteer opportunities, please contact Katee Dugas: <u>csc@sacredheartwr.com</u>.

Celebrate Recovery

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Experience a safe and welcoming place and see what **Celebrate Recovery** can do for you **this Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the**<u>Sacred Heart</u> Social Hall.

Questions? Call Bruce "Boomer" Twining 478-335-9428





Cursillo Information for Sacred Heart

Cursillo Ultreya meets at 6:45 p.m., in the Social Hall of **Sacred Heart** in Warner Robins, on the fourth Monday of every month.

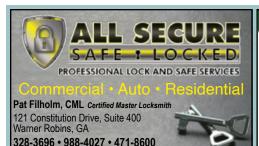
Persons who are invited to work the coming Cursillo weekends will need to be attending Ultreya regularly.

Contact: Katie Dugas csc@sacredheartwr.com

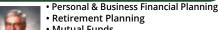
For more information contact Geri Plichta by texting 603-591-0250 | songgift@Hotmail.com

For **info. about attending** a Cursillo weekend **for Women** contact Katie Dugas csc@sacredheartwr.com

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Parish Council Corner		November 29	November 30	December 1	December 2	
The Parish Council meeting was on November 6 th at 6:30 p.m The council discussed the ministries available at the Parish and future social events.		10 a.m. Mass	10 a.m. Mass	6:30 p.m. St. Patrick	9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.	
An email address was set up so that everyone can contact the Parish Council directly with ideas for: future events, ministries they would like to see/volunteer for, and to voice any concerns. The new email address is: parishcouncil@stpatrickga.org .			12 Noon AA meeting	6:30 p.m. Men's Group	Christmas Party \$25 per ticket Catered Dinner DJ & Dancing 7 p.m. Rosary	Sixth Annual Advent Gathering w/ the Trinitarian Sisters
Currently we are looking to see if anyone in the Parish is interested in volunteering to help with a nursery, during the 10:30 a.m. Mass, on Sunday morning.			6.20 n m to	and Men's Cursillo Group (Library)	in the Rosary Garden (In case of rain, we'll meet in Our Lady	
We are also looking for individuals to serve as ushers during all Masses, but especially at the 5 p.m. Mass on Saturday.			6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. Religious Ed.	6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.	of Knock Hall) ALL are Welcome!	3:45 p.m.to 4:45 p.m. Confessions
<u>All</u> volunteers need to be VIRTUS trained. This training is provided by the parish.		6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. RCIA	Adult Choir Practice (in St. Brigid Hall)	OFFICE CLOSED	5 p.m. Vigil Mass	
December 3	December 4	December 5	December 6	December 7	December 8	December 9
10:30 a.m. Mass	10 a.m. Communion Service	10 a.m. Mass	10 a.m. Mass	10 a.m. Mass	Holy Day of Obligation	Please give to the Retirement Fund for Religious. Donation
First Sunday of Advent	6 p.m. to 8:30p.m. Boy Scouts 7 p.m. Girl Scouts Troop 127	6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Holy Hour for Vocations (in main church). Every first	12 Noon AA meeting 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. Religious Ed. 6:30 p.m. to		Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	envelopes are in the Narthex 3:45 p.m.to 4:45 p.m. Confessions
5 p.m. Mass	478-960-4301 Camps TBD	Tuesday of the month.	7:45 p.m. RCIA	6:30 p.m. Vigil Mass	OFFICE CLOSED	5 p.m. Vigil Mass
December 10	December 11	December 12	December 13	December 14	December 15	December 16
10:30 a.m. Mass	10 a.m. Mass	10 a.m. Mass	10 a.m. Mass	10 a.m. Mass		
Please give to the Retirement Fund for Religious. Donation envelopes are in the Narthex			12 Noon AA meeting			
Second Sunday of Advent	6 p.m. to 8:30p.m. Boy Scouts 7 p.m. Girl Scouts Troop 127 478-960-4301		6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. Religious Ed. 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.		OFFICE	3:45 p.m.to 4:45 p.m. Confessions 4:35 p.m. Rosary
5 p.m. Mass	Camps TBD		RCIA		CLOSED	Vigil Mass



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