St. Patrick Catholic Church

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Church Office <u>OPEN</u> December 11th – December 14th (Monday thru Thursday)

> Church <u>Office Hours</u>: 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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

Church Office: <u>CLOSED</u> every Friday

Mass Schedule: on page 7

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

Rosary 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)

Religious Education Director: Mary Pangborn <u>saintpatre@stpatrickga.org</u>

Religious Education on facebook: **St. Patrick Catholic Church RE Program**

St. Patrick Catholic Church on facebook: **facebook.com/stpatrickga**

Second Sunday of Advent – December 10, 2023 Gospel Reading: Mark 1:1–8

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: *Behold*, *I* am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way. A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. John was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."



The Advent season is a time to prepare our hearts and minds for the celebration of the Lord's birth.

On the Second Sunday of Advent, the second candle is lit. It is purple and represents faith.

It is called the "Bethlehem Candle" as a reminder of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.

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 <u>or</u> 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!

What's happening at St. Patrick Catholic Church

St. Patrick Church **received a check for \$69.09 from Larry's Giant Subs** for the monthly fundraiser on Monday—November 6, 2023.



As part of an ongoing Knights of Columbus fundraiser, the first Monday of each month, you can dine-in or take-out food from Larry's Giant Subs <u>and</u> 10% of the total sales from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. will be donated to the St. Patrick Building Fund!



Larry's Giant Subs is located at: 789-1f SR 96, Bonaire, GA 31005

Thank you for your support!

Toys for Tots

collecting unwrapped presents for local children

OCTOBER 1ST-DECEMBER 15TH SPONSORED BY PERRY ROTARY



Job Opportunity

American Hose & Hardware in Macon is looking for a Hose Fabricator and Order Puller. Must be able to do some heavy lifting and not be afraid to get dirty. We offer competitive pay, 401K, paid medical insurance. Please call Mike Gavel at 478-781-7078 to make an appointment.

Prayer Lists and Mass Intentions or Communion Services at St. Patrick

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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 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 Elizabeth Salter 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 <u>or</u> come by the church office					
December 9 th Vigil Mass	Saturday	5 p.m.	† Henry Harden	by Jo Ann Harden	
December 10 th Mass	Sunday	10:30 a.m.	Missa pro Populo	by Fr. Eric R. Filmer	
December 10 th Mass	Sunday	5 p.m.	† Sr. Mary Francis of All Saints O. Carmelites	by the Arcand family	
December 11 th	Monday	10 a.m.	† Lam Voong	by the Hill family	
December 12 th Mass	Tuesday	10 a.m.	For the health and well-being of Fr. Thomas Ackin, O.S.B.	by Fr. Eric R. Filmer	
December 13 th Mass	Wednesday	10 a.m.	† Roberta Stewart	by the Stewart family	
December 14 th Mass	Thursday	10 a.m.	For the Intentions of Fr. Eric	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.

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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 your information</u> needs to be in the bulletin!

FORMED The Catholic Faith. On Demand.

<u>To Create an Account</u>: https://formed.org/ <u>Enter</u>: "31047" <u>Select</u>: "St. Patrick Church" <u>Select</u>: "Next" <u>Enter</u>: your name and email address <u>Select</u>: "Sign up" A <u>link</u> 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 <u>**do**</u> <u>**not**</u> 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: <u>https://www.youtube.com/@stpatrick</u> 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 <u>myParish app</u> 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.



!!! <u>Attention !!!</u>

As a security measure, **doors to the church are locked** <u>shortly after</u> 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.

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



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.

Photo by Marc Schroeder

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	

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 <u>3 months 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 <u>must</u>:

- * 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.
- * <u>NO</u> wedding date is guaranteed until <u>ALL</u> 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, <u>and</u> 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/childand-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, <u>always</u> 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*. <u>Or</u> 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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What's Going on in other Churches and at the Diocese of Savannah

Christian Service Center

The Christian Service Center (located at 136 Northview Avenue—Warner Robins, GA 31088) 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, gender, nationality, or religious preference.

To contact the Christian Service Center, call 478-929-3897 or go online to: <u>https://www.sacredheartwr.org/christian</u>-<u>service-center</u>

For volunteer opportunities, contact Katee Dugas: <u>csc@sacredheartwr.com</u> or 478-929-3897.

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 to 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: <u>https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism</u> <u>/devotions/conditions-13362</u>

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. **Celebrate Recovery**

A Ministry of Sacred Heart Catholic Church Changing lives one miracle at a time.

Hearing someone's testimony lets us know that we are not alone with our burdens. This Tuesday I will speak about my journey from active alcoholism through Christ and Celebrate Recovery. Come out and listen!

We are also having our first annual Christmas Celebration. There will be food and door prizes, with grand prizes of a Bose portable speaker, and Beats noise cancelling wireless earbuds. It's all free, so come out and join us!

Safe place!

NO mask, NO judgement, Absolute Confidentiality.

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

GOLD and SILVER JUBILEE Anniversary Mass 25th or 50th wedding anniversaries in 2024 February 10, 2024, 10 am Savannah Cathedral

RSVP by January 25: 912.201.4068 diosav.org/gold-and-silver

Kolbe Center Needs Volunteers

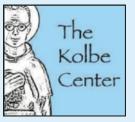
The St Maximilian Kolbe Center for Life is serving more and more clients. We need help to continue to serve as we continue to grow.

Do you have a few hours a week or month to share with the Kolbe Center? The gift of your time is priceless! Volunteering is a work of the HEART.

We also appreciate your very much needed monetary donations, diapers, wipes, etc..

For more information or to volunteer, call Ann Beall at478-257-4425. <u>Google Maps</u>

The Kolbe Center 833 Walnut Street Macon, GA 31201 Call: 478-257-4425 or Toll Free: 1-844-855-6523 http://www.kolbecentermacon.org



St. Patrick Catholic Church Calendar for December 10, 2023					Page 7	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			December 6	December 7	December 8	December 9
Retirement Fund			10 a.m. Mass 12 Noon AA meeting	10 a.m. Mass	Holy Day of Obligation Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Please give to the <i>Retirement</i> <i>Fund for</i> <i>Religious</i> . Donation envelopes are in the Narthex
for Religious Please give to those who have given a lifetime.		6:30 p.m. to 7 :45 p.m. Religious Ed.		6:30 p.m. Mass	3:45 p.m.to 4:45 p.m. Confessions	
December 9 th /10 th Donation envelopes are in the Narthex.		6:30 p.m. to 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 <i>Retirement</i> <i>Fund for</i> <i>Religious</i> . Donation envelopes are in the Narthex	6 p.m. to		12 Noon AA meeting	6:30 p.m. Men's Cursillo and Men's Group		3:45 p.m.to
Second Sunday of Advent	8:30p.m. Boy Scouts 7 p.m. Girl Scouts		6:30 p.m. to 7 :45 p.m. Religious Ed.	(SKH - ramp side) 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.		4:45 p.m. Confessions 4:35 p.m. Rosary
5 p.m. Mass	Troop 127 478-960-4301 Camps TBD		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 17	December 18	December 19	December 20	December 21	December 22	December 23
10:30 a.m. Mass	10 a.m. Mass	10 a.m. Mass	10 a.m. Mass	10 a.m. Mass		
Lunch with Santa after Mass (Details on page 2)			12 Noon AA meeting	6:30 p.m. Men's Cursillo and		
Third Sunday of Advent	6 p.m. to 8:30p.m. Boy Scouts		<u>NO</u> Religious Ed.	Men's Group (SKH - ramp side)		9:45 n m to
Gaudete Sunday	7 p.m. Girl Scouts Troop 127	7 p.m.	Rehearsal for Christmas Pageant	6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Adult Choir	0	3:45 p.m.to 4:45 p.m. Confessions
5 p.m. Mass	478-960-4301 Camps TBD	St. Patrick Penance Service	NO RCIA	Practice (in St. Brigid Hall)	OFFICE CLOSED	5 p.m. Vigil Mass

