



# The Shamrock

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## Father Michael's Musings

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This year, the Liturgical season of Lent spans the entirety of the month of March. As the month begins, we are late in the second full week of Lent, and the month culminates with the celebration of Easter on the 31<sup>st</sup>. Many of us are vaguely familiar with the season of Lent. We might know it lasts 40 days, and that it is a time we sacrifice by denying ourselves food or drink that we enjoy, in an effort to get ready to celebrate the joy of the Resurrection on Easter.

However, we may be less familiar with many other of the Church's Lenten traditions and their history. We might ask why the season is 40 days long, what the deal is with ashes on the forehead for Ash Wednesday, what is the difference between fasting and abstinence, what are Stations of the Cross, or why we meditate on the 7 Last Words on Good Friday, or what the prophecies from the Old Testament are that are read on Holy Saturday. We might wonder if these Traditions are faithfully based on Scripture. Perhaps we wonder whether there isn't something we can add to our spiritual lives during Lent, rather than just giving up things we love.

The truth is that understanding these Traditions and Scripture on which they are based can add to the benefit of our Lenten discipline and to our appreciation for the incredible gift of the Resurrection. Every Wednesday evening during March, St. Patrick's will study these Traditions and answer questions we might have about the prayers and practices. The study takes place about 6:30 in the parish Hall, and is accompanied by a supper of bread and home-made soup. Prior to the soup and study, we also pray the Stations of the Cross at 5:30 and celebrate the Eucharist at 6:00 PM.

We invite you to join us on Wednesday evenings, and we especially hope you will celebrate Easter Sunday with us, whether it is the Sunrise Service in our Memorial Garden or the regular celebration inside the Church at 10:00 AM.

May God bless you all with a holy Lent and the most joyous Easter.

Father Mike+



# PARISH.LIFE.

Parish Life is open to all members of St. Patrick's Anglican Church. Parish Life plans and executes all parish events.

## Parish Life Events

### **Ladies Lunch Out & (Gentleman too)**

**Sunday March 23rd** - Meet after the 10:00 AM Service to go to El Leoncito— 4280 S. Washington Ave. Titusville. Menu: <https://www.elleoncito.com/titusville>. If its nice we can eat outside!!



Please let Carolyn Kerouac know if you plan to attend; 203-500-9098

### **Veterans, Veteran Spouses, and First Responder Breakfast**

**On the last Saturday of the month we hold our Veterans, Veteran Spouses, and First Responder Breakfast.** Next scheduled breakfast is **Saturday March 30th. 9:00 AM** (last Saturday of the month). Flyers are available to distribute in Dorman Hall. A sign up sheet for Breakfast items is in the Hall as well. Please see Fr. Chet or Andrea Mustafa for items needed.



### **Crafty Ladies**

**Meets the 3rd Monday of the Month.** Next meeting is **Monday March 18th at 6:00 PM.** Bring a craft or project or come to learn a craft. Light snacks provided. Please see Mandy Valko for more information, 317-601-3216.



## **Food Pantry Items**

We are collecting Food Pantry Items and there is a blue container in Dorman Hall where you can place them. Items should be non-perishable and not expired. We will be using these items for people we know in the community or our congregation. Examples of needed items are cans with lids that pop off (like soup, chili, etc.) Peanut butter & Jelly, crackers, cereal, canned meat, etc. Items that can be opened without a can opener or can be eaten with out a stove.



## **Church Work Day**

**On the 3rd Saturday of every month we have a Parish Work Day.** The facilities inside and out are maintained by the hardworking people of St. Patrick's with the exception of Lawn Cutting. We are now in a cooler season and I am hoping on **Saturday March 16th from 9am-12pm**, we can complete the memorial garden for Easter, and our normal inside cleaning. If you can come on Saturday for an hour or the entire 3 hours it will make a huge difference. Lunch provided. If you can't make Saturday but want to donate some time, please call me. Linda Simmen 321-480-0927



**On this workday we will be also cleaning and setting up Dorman Hall for the St. Patrick's Traditional Irish Dinner that evening.**

### **St. Patrick's Dinner—Preparation and Setup**

We need donations of corned beef, cabbage, carrots, onions, drinks (iced tea, lemonade, soda), bread, and desserts (crockpots to cook the corned beef). Please contact Carolyn to make sure we don't overbuy on some items and underbuy on others. **We need items by Friday 1pm on March 15th at the church which is when we will be cleaning vegetables.** Carolyn—text or call 203-500-9098



**Our Parish offers prayers daily for people on the Prayer List. To add a name to the Prayer List please contact one of the clergy of the church or call 321-802-1311 or add on our website: [www.stpatrickspsj.org](http://www.stpatrickspsj.org)**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<p>Senior Warden: Andrea Mustafa                      Treasurer: Lea Malarae; Secretary: Linda Gould                      Vestry at Large: Georgia Weston, Linda Simmen &amp; Mike Brady</p>							
<p><b>3</b>                      Lent 3                      8:00 AM Eucharist (Live)                      Adult Bible Study                      10:00 AM Eucharist (Live &amp; Streamed)                      Child/Teen SS.</p>	<p><b>4</b>                      Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed)</p>	<p><b>5</b>                      Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed)</p>	<p><b>6</b>                      Morning Prayer 9:00 AM                      Stations of Cross 5:30 PM                      Holy Eucharist 6:00 PM                      Lenten Supper &amp; Study 6:45 PM</p>	<p><b>7</b>                      Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed)</p>	<p><b>8</b>                      Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed)                      Evening Prayer 6:00 PM</p>	<p><b>9</b></p>	
<p><b>10</b>                      Lent 4                      8:00 AM Eucharist (Live)                      Adult Bible Study                      10:00 AM Eucharist (Live &amp; Streamed)                      Child/Teen SS.  <b>Vestry Meeting</b></p>	<p><b>11</b>                      Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed)</p>	<p><b>12</b>                      Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed)</p>	<p><b>13</b>                      Morning Prayer 9:00 AM                      Stations of Cross 5:30 PM                      Holy Eucharist 6:00 PM                      Lenten Supper &amp; Study 6:45 PM</p>	<p><b>14</b>                      Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed)</p>	<p><b>15</b>                      Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed)                      St. Patrick's Dinner Preparation 1:00 PM                      Evening Prayer 6:00 PM</p>	<p><b>16</b>                      Church Workday 9:00am-12:00 pm                      Lunch Provided                        St. Patrick's Dinner 6:00 PM</p>	
<p><b>17</b>                      Passion Sunday  <b>St. Patrick</b>                      8:00 AM Eucharist (Live)                      Adult Bible Study                      10:00 AM Eucharist (Live &amp; Streamed)                      Child/Teen SS.</p>	<p><b>18</b>                      Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed)  <b>Crafty Ladies 6:00 PM</b></p>	<p><b>19</b>                      Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed)</p>	<p><b>20</b>                      Morning Prayer 9:00 AM                      Stations of Cross 5:30 PM                      Holy Eucharist 6:00 PM                      Lenten Supper &amp; Study 6:45 PM</p>	<p><b>21</b>                      Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed)</p>	<p><b>22</b>                      Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed)                      Evening Prayer 6:00 PM</p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	
<p><b>24</b>                      Palm Sunday                      8:00 AM Eucharist (Live)                      Adult Bible Study                      10:00 AM Eucharist (Live &amp; Streamed)                      Child/Teen SS.  <b>Ladies Lunch Out</b></p>	<p><b>25</b>                      Monday in Holy Week                      Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed)</p>	<p><b>26</b>                      Tuesday in Holy Week                      Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed)</p>	<p><b>27</b>                      Wednesday in Holy Week                      Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed)                      Holy Eucharist 6:00 PM</p>	<p><b>28</b>                      Maundy Thursday                      Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed)                      Maundy Thursday 6:00 PM</p>	<p><b>29</b>                      Good Friday                      Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed)                      Meditation 12:00 PM-3:00 PM</p>	<p><b>30</b>                      Holy Saturday  <b>Veteran's Breakfast 9:00 AM</b>  </p>	
<p><b>31</b>                      Easter Sunday                      7:00 AM Eucharist (Live)  <b>No Adult Bible Study</b>                      10:00 AM Eucharist (Live &amp; Streamed)  <b>No Child/Teen SS.</b></p>	<p>Jacob Anderson                      Lee Brady                      Amanda Faulk Dutton                      Fr. Robert Fredrickson                      Melody Harmon</p>	<p>Fr. Chester O'Brien                      Amia Patterson                      Sean Simmen                      Christie Stacey</p>	<p>Sean &amp; Becky Simmen</p>				

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**St. Patrick's Anglican Church is a caring loving community. Please join us for one of the Sunday or Weekday Services.**

The Diocese of the Eastern United States is a vibrant and growing family of parishes serving our Christian family from Pennsylvania to Florida. As members of the worldwide Traditional Anglican Communion, The Anglican Church in America, we are part of Christ's One, Holy, catholic, and Apostolic Church. Our teaching and practice are based soundly on the Holy Bible and the traditional Book of Common Prayer.

**Service Times**

**Sunday Communion Service**

8:00 AM Service – Live

10:00 AM Service –Live & Streamed  
*5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Healing Service and Fellowship –Next March 31st.*

**Wednesday Communion Service**

6:00 PM Service—Live & Streamed

**Morning Prayer Services**

Mon.-Tues.-Wed.-Thurs.– Fri.

9:00 AM—Streamed

**Evening Prayer Service**

Friday

9:00 AM—Live & Streamed

**Archbishop Juan Garcia**

**Bishop William Bower, SSC**

**Rev. Fr. Michael Kerouac, Rector**

**Rev. Fr. Tim Gouge, Vicar**

**Rev. Fr. Chester O'Brien, Curate**

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**LENTEN AND EASTER SCHEDULE**

**Wednesday During Lent (except Holy Wednesday):**

Stations of the Cross 5:30pm

Holy Communion 6:00 pm

Soup/Study 6:45pm-8:00pm

**Holy Week Services:**

Holy Wednesday 6:00pm

Maundy Thursday 6:00pm

Good Friday Meditation  
12:00pm-3:00 pm

Children's Stations of the Cross 3:30pm

Service 5:00pm

**Easter Sunday** 7:00am & 10:00am



**Saturday March 16th**  
**St. Patrick's Traditional**  
**Irish Dinner**  
**6:00 PM**

**Corned Beef, Cabbage, Potatoes, Carrots,**  
**Bread, Desserts, and Drink**

*Live Music by Campbell & Cross*

**Please a vestry member or clergy for**  
**Tickets (\$20.00 adults/\$10.00 under 14)**

