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Father Michael's Musings

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I was in Pennsylvania recently to visit one of our parishes. As I was checking in to fly home, the gate agent, seeing that I was in my collar and clerical shirt, burst into tears as I approached, and begged me to tell her that her beloved little dog was in heaven and that she would be with him when she got there herself. I receive this question often, and the answer should be quite simple and consistent among clergy from all jurisdictions. However, we clergy often get into theological discussions about the nature of souls and whether animals share souls, when what we should really recognize is that while there is a difference in the presence of a soul, there is a common sharing of love between us and our pets. Since God is love, and love can never be destroyed, we can safely say that, in some manner, the love we share will be preserved, and our pets will be with us in heaven.



In Genesis, as God creates the Garden and the animals and plants that populate it, He proclaims it to be "good". As He creates man, He breathes His very life into us, making us in His image, and different than the rest of Creation. And it is undeniably true that we have an animating soul, in the image of God, that makes us different from the rest of His creation. But God then gives us dominion over His creatures. We define dominion in our culture and political climate as domination, but the true sense of the word, as intended by God, is protection. He gives us the job of protecting animals. He even asks us to name the animals. In Scripture, the changing or giving of a Name binds us to God and gives us a special purpose. In allowing us to name His creatures, God allows us to share in that love that is the foundation of naming and binding. In the 8th Chapter of St. Paul's letter to the Romans, we are reminded that all creation groans for our salvation, knowing that not only we, but all of the creatures that God has made will be restored in love and purpose in the Kingdom that is to come, and in which we will live forever.

Perhaps no saint epitomized the special bond between God, man and the creatures He asked us to protect than St Francis of Assisi. He is often portrayed with birds in his hands and surrounded by deer and other woodland animals. It has become the practice of the church to bless animals on His feast day, which is October 4th, which is a Saturday this year. We will be doing a blessing of the animals at 9:00 AM this October 4th in our Memorial Garden and will have our Fall Spaghetti dinner later that day at 6:00 PM. We invite you to show your love for your pets by bringing them to the service and asking God's blessing upon them for the love and comfort they give us today, and which we will share with them forever.

**God bless you.
Father Michael**

Prayer List & Pastoral Needs:

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." — Philippians 4:6

At St. Patrick's, we are committed to lifting up one another in prayer and offering support through all of life's seasons. If you or someone you know is in need of prayer or pastoral care, we encourage you to share those needs with us.

- * **Call the Church Office: 321-802-1311**
- * **Submit Online: stpatrickspsj.org/prayer-concerns**

Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint. Isaiah 40:31

Student Sunday School

This fall, our focus will be on the **Book of Genesis**, the foundational book of the Bible, exploring God's creation, promises, and the stories of faith that still shape us today.



Sunday School is open to **students in 1st through 8th grade** and is taught as a **combined class**. After the announcements during the 10:00 AM service, children will be invited to follow their teacher to the Parish Hall and will return **in time for Holy Communion**.

Adult Sunday School

Join us for a new Adult Sunday School series as we journey through the **Book of Genesis, 9:00 AM between services in the parish hall**.

Fr. Michael Kerouac will guide us through this engaging and thought-provoking study.

Come with your Bible, your questions, and your curiosity as we explore how Genesis still speaks to us today.



Coffee and light refreshments will be provided. We look forward to growing together in God's Word!

Help us fill our pantry Box



On the **first Sunday of each month**, we gather not only to celebrate birthdays and anniversaries with a blessing, but also to share God's love in a practical way. We invite you to bring a **non-perishable item** for our pantry box. **Suggested items include:**

- Canned goods, soup, or chili
- Easy-to-eat meals
- Peanut butter and jelly



These donations help care for **parishioners in need** and are also shared with **families at Fair-glen Elementary**. Every small contribution makes a big difference. Together, we can bless both hearts and homes.

For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: Matthew 25:35 (KJV)

Help Us Restock Church Supplies

We're in need of a few essential items to keep our church running smoothly and welcoming for all. If you're able to donate, please consider picking up any of the following: **(Disposable) Coffee Cups & Drink Cups - Plates (10 inch and 6 inch) and Bowls - Cases of Water - Paper Towels - Toilet Paper - Cleaning Supplies**

Donations can be dropped off in the Parish Hall during the week or brought with you to Sunday service. Every contribution—big or small—makes a difference.

Thank you for your generosity and support!

No First Friday Family Fun Night In October

Get ready for **our next** evening of fun, food, and fellowship at our **First Friday Family Fun Event!** On **Friday November 7th from 6:00 PM-8:00 PM.** This **intergenerational gathering** is perfect for all ages—whether you're young, young-at-heart, or somewhere in between. ****Bring the whole family (and a friend or two!) for a night of fun, fellowship, and laughter. See you there!***

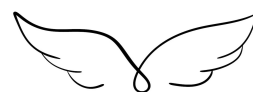


Secret Angels – Cleaning & Fellowship

Looking for a simple way to serve and enjoy fellowship? Join our **Secret Angels** every Wednesday morning at **8:00 AM-9:00 AM** as we give the church and parish hall a quick refresh. *Come lend a hand—even once a month makes a difference. Many hands make light work, and faithful hearts make it joyful!*

Parish Hall in Daily Use

Our parish hall is alive with activity seven days a week—hosting AA groups, Girl Scout leaders, and our own midweek church gatherings. It is truly a place of welcome for many. As we share this space with love, let us also care for it with gratitude and respect. *"Let all things be done decently and in order."* (1 Corinthians 14:40)



PARISH WORK DAY

Saturday, October 18th | 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Join us for our next Parish Work Day! There will be plenty of projects both inside and outside, so there's a way for everyone to help. If you aren't able to work due to limitations, please still come and enjoy the fellowship.



Afterwards, stay for **Fr. Chet's famous Gourmet Hot Dogs with all the fixings** — the perfect reward for a morning of service together.

Veterans, Veteran Spouses, and First Responder Breakfast

Join us for a hot breakfast and warm fellowship on Saturday October 25th at 9:00 AM as we honor those who have served and those who serve today—along with the spouses who carry the load beside them. We'll share a brief prayer of thanksgiving and encouragement, and take time to check in with one another.

*There is a sign up sheet for the Veterans Breakfast for items in the parish hall.



"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." — **John 15:13**

COOKIE WALK & VENDOR FAIR

Saturday, December 13th

Setup 7:30 AM | Vendors 8:00 AM | Cookie Walk 9:00 AM–12:00 PM

We need your help! Please sign up to:

- Bake cookies
- Help with setup
- Pack cookies during the event
- Assist with parking
- Welcome guests



Together we can make this year's Cookie Walk & Vendor Fair a success!

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. – James 1:17

LADIES FELLOWSHIP & CRAFT GROUP

All ladies are invited to join us for fellowship, creativity, and fun at our next gathering!

Monday, October 20th | 6:00–8:00 PM

Light snacks and drinks will be provided.

Bring your current project or just come to enjoy the company. It's a wonderful time to connect, share ideas, and encourage one another.

Please see Mandy Valko if you have questions, 317-601-3216.



Ladies Lunch Out (and Gentlemen Too!)

Join us for great food and even better fellowship at our monthly Ladies Lunch Out—open to gentlemen as well! Let's gather after the **10:00 AM service** and enjoy a meal together at a local favorite.

October 19th—Ryans Pizza and Pub—Cocoa Village

Please let Carolyn know if you plan to attend so we can reserve enough seats.

We look forward to seeing you there for good conversation, community, and comfort food!



Blessing of the Animals: Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

Saturday, October 4th at 9:00 AM | Memorial Garden

Celebrate the **Feast of St. Francis of Assisi** with us as we honor God's creation and bless the beloved animals that bring joy to our lives. Bring your pets—furry, feathered, or even scaled—for a special **Blessing of the Animals**.

All are welcome—two-legged and four-legged friends alike! Leashes, carriers, or proper enclosures are appreciated for the safety and comfort of all. *Come and give thanks for the animals who bless our lives with companionship and unconditional love.*



Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for Change Destiny

Saturday, October 4th | 6:00 PM–8:00 PM

Suggested Donation: \$15.00 (all money goes to Change Destiny)

Change Destiny Life Africa – A Mission of Hope

St. Patrick's Anglican Church is honored to host a special presentation from **Change Destiny Life Africa**, a Christian non-profit ministry making a powerful impact in Kenya.

Meal will include: Spaghetti, Salad, Bread, Drink, and Dessert.

*we are looking for donations of food for dinner See sign up sheet.

Founded by Subdeacon **Samson Karens** and his wife **Alice**, Change Destiny Life Africa exists to bring **education, Christian discipleship, and essential care** to vulnerable children in **Naivasha, Kenya**.

"Defend the weak and the fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed." — Psalm 82:3



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
September 28 St. Michael & Angels 8:00 AM Eucharist (Live) Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Eucharist (Live & Streamed) Student Sunday School	September 29 Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed)	September 30 Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed)	1 <i>Secret Angels Workday</i> 8:00 AM Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed) Eucharist 6:00 PM (Live & Streamed)	2 Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed)	3 Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed)	4 St. Francis of Assisi Blessing of the Animals 9:00 AM Change Destiny Spaghetti Dinner 6:00 PM
5 Trinity 16 8:00 AM Eucharist (Live) Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Eucharist (Live & Streamed) Student Sunday School	6 Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed)	7 Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed)	8 <i>Secret Angels Workday</i> 8:00 AM Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed) Eucharist 6:00 PM (Live & Streamed)	9 Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed)	10 Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed)	11
12 Trinity 17 8:00 AM Eucharist (Live) Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Eucharist (Live & Streamed) Student Sunday School/ Children Church Vestry	13 Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed)	14 Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed)	15 <i>Secret Angels Workday</i> 8:00 AM Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed) Eucharist 6:00 PM (Live & Streamed)	16 Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed)	17 Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed)	18 St. Luke Church Workday 9:00am—12:00 pm Lunch Provided 
19 Trinity 18 8:00 AM Eucharist (Live) Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Eucharist (Live & Streamed) Student Sunday School Ladies Lunch Out	20 Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed) Ladies Fellowship and Craft Group 6:00 PM	21 Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed)	22 <i>Secret Angels Workday</i> 8:00 AM Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed) Eucharist 6:00 PM (Live & Streamed)	23 Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed)	24 Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed) 	25 Veteran's & First Responder Breakfast 9:00 AM 
26 Christ the King 8:00 AM Eucharist (Live) Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Eucharist (Live & Streamed) Student Sunday School	27 Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed)	28 Sts. Simon & Jude Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed)	29 <i>Secret Angels Workday</i> 8:00 AM Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed) Eucharist 6:00 PM (Live & Streamed)	30 Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed)	31 Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed) Halloween	November 1 All Saints Day

“May God bless you with many more years of life and love.” (Proverbs 9:11)

Nathan Crouse	Sairsha Rivera	Yvonne Yantsios	Chuck & Linda Gould	Patrick & Mandy Valko
Adam Faulk	Alberto Rivera		Remi & Alyssa Kerouac	
Kathy Matthews	Fernando Salazar		Michael & Lea Malarae	



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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 Church, 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.

Archbishop Juan Garcia

Bishop William Bower, SSC

Rev. Fr. Michael Kerouac, Rector

Rev. Fr. Tim Gouge, Vicar

Rev. Fr. Chester O'Brien, Curate

Nathaniel Crouse, Postulant

Service Times

Sunday Communion Service

8:00 AM Service – Live

10:00 AM Service –Live & Streamed
5th Sunday Healing Service and Fellowship –Next November 30th, 2025

Wednesday Communion Service

6:00 PM Service—Live & Streamed

Morning Prayer Services

Mon.-Tues.-Wed.-Thurs.– Fri.

8:00 AM—Streamed

Vestry: Senior Warden: Andrea Mustafa;; Junior Warden : Linda Simmen; Treasurer: Jeff Simmen; Secretary: Donna McFall, Vestry at Large: Lionel Felix, Georgia Weston, Lea Taylor-Malarae & Mike Brady

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UPCOMING EVENTS

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Time</i>
Sunday November 30th	First Sunday in Advent Annual Meeting & Potluck	After 10:00 Service
Saturday December 13th	Annual Cookie Walk & Vendor Fair	Setup: 7:30 AM Walk: 9:00 AM
Wednesday December 24th	Christmas Eve Services	Family: 6:00 PM Lessons & Carols: 11:00 PM Mass: 11:30 PM
Thursday December 25th	Christmas Day Service	10:00 AM
Tuesday February 17th	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner	6:00 PM
Wednesday February 18th	Ash Wednesday	6:00 PM