



# **The Shamrock**

## **Newsletter of St. Patrick's Anglican Church**

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#### **Father Michael's Musings**

**September 2025**

One of the most difficult adjustments that I had to make as a New Englander living in Florida is the way in which we view September. As a young man, September was relief from the stifling heat (high 70's), going back to school, the turning of leaves to vibrant reds, yellow and orange, comfortable sweaters and the smell of bon fires. Now, as the August dog days crawl to their end, I think about the 5<sup>th</sup> month of unrelenting summer and the serious onset of the worst part of hurricane season. Friends are wind proofing the windows, clearing the gutters and suspiciously eyeing the low areas in the streets and yard for signs of flooding. It is the time when we turn our homes into sanctuaries, and prepare the safe spaces within them against the coming storms.



This year, I am also thinking about being in the September of life, closer to the end than the beginning, seeing the difficulties of life as tragedies instead of as adventures, looking for the safe places in my heart and soul to shelter against the storms we know are coming. The sanctuary for me in life's September has become the Church, our loving parish. There I am strengthened spiritually in the sacraments and prayers that are offered every week. The company of both family and friends are my buffers against creak of older bones, and the losses that come with passage of time. It is there that I can be at peace, though the winds blow, and the floods threaten and the thunder booms, I am safe, close by those I love and in the graceful arms of God.

If in your life, it seems the storms are getting stronger, and the refuge is getting more difficult to find, we invite you to shelter with us, enjoy the love and peace and safety of our parish home.

Yours in Christ,

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](http://stpatrickspsj.org/prayer-concerns)

*Let us pray with you and for you—because no one is meant to walk alone.*

*Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. Matthew 22:37-39*

## 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 to their families **in time for Holy Communion**.

Our lessons are a vibrant mix of:

- **Scripture Reading** – Grounding students in the Word of God
- **Group Discussion** – Encouraging questions and conversation
- **Biblical History** – Helping children understand the world of the Bible
- **Hands-on Crafts** – Bringing stories to life in creative ways

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## Adult Sunday School

Join us for a new Adult Sunday School series as we journey through the Book of Genesis, beginning **Sunday, September 7th at 9:00 AM**, in the **Parish Hall** between services.



**Genesis**—the first book of the Bible—is a foundation for our faith, laying the groundwork for God's covenant with His people, the origins of creation, human nature, sin, redemption, and divine promise. From Adam and Eve to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph, Genesis is rich with stories that reveal God's purpose and power throughout history.

**Fr. Michael Kerouac** will guide us through this engaging and thought-provoking study. Whether you're new to scripture or a seasoned reader, this class is an opportunity to deepen your understanding, ask questions, and grow in fellowship with others. 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!***

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## 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 - Fire Ant Killer**



***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!***

*"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." – Hebrews 10:24–25*

### First Friday Family Fun Night

Get ready for an evening of fun, food, and fellowship at our **First Friday Family Fun Event!** On **Friday September 5th 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.

#### **Activities Include:**

- Cards & Board Games
- Puzzles
- Ping Pong & Foosball
- Bring-Your-Own Crafts



#### **Food & Drinks Provided!**

***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.

- ⇒ **What We Do:** Light cleaning, organizing, and sprucing up
- ⇒ **Bonus:** Laughter, fellowship, and a joyful start to your day!

*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

**This month we are doing our yearly Strip-Seal-Wax of the parish hall floors.** We need help on **Wednesday September 10th** to move everything off the floor starting at **3:00 pm**.



On **September 11th and 12th** we will be working on the floors from **9:00 am-till we finish**. We are hoping to be done on the 12th so we can put everything back on **September 13th during our monthly workday** (date was changed to accommodate a workshop for AA on 20th) during our work day!! **Please contact Linda S. if you can help! 321-480-0927**. We will be having *Fr. Chet's famous Gourmet Hotdog Lunch—a delicious reward for a morning of service!*

***shared work, shared load, shared joy—Amen***

## 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.



**September 21st – Tequila Veintiuno Mexican—Cocoa**

**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!*

## Veterans, Veteran Spouses, and First Responder Breakfast

Join us for a hot breakfast and warm fellowship on Saturday September 27th 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.

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

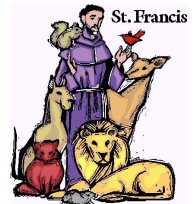
As a church family, we want to recognize the courage, sacrifice, and daily faithfulness represented in our community. All veterans, veteran spouses, first responders, and their families are welcome. Invite a neighbor who could use a good meal and good company. \*we are looking for donations of food for dinner See sign up sheet.



## 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 **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*



# September 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
August 31 <b>Trinity 11/Healing</b> 8:00 AM Eucharist (Live) <b>No Adult SS</b> 10:00 AM Eucharist (Live & Streamed) <b>Student Sunday School</b> <b>5th Sunday Potluck</b>	<b>1</b> Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed)	<b>2</b> Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed)	<b>3</b> <i>Secret Angels Workday</i> 8:00 AM Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed) Eucharist 6:00 PM (Live & Streamed)	<b>4</b> Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed)	<b>5</b> Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed) First Friday Family Fun 6:00 PM-8:00 PM 	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> <b>Trinity 12</b> 8:00 AM Eucharist (Live) <b>Adult Sunday School</b> 10:00 AM Eucharist (Live & Streamed) <b>Student Sunday School</b>	<b>8</b> Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed)	<b>9</b> Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed)	<b>10</b> <i>Secret Angels Workday</i> 8:00 AM Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed) <i>Move Tables/Chairs</i> 3:00 PM Eucharist 6:00 PM	<b>11</b> Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed) <i>Parish Hall Floors</i> 8:00 AM	<b>12</b> Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed) <i>Parish Hall Floors</i> 8:00 AM	<b>13</b> Church Workday 9:00am-12:00 pm Lunch Provided 
<b>14</b> <b>Trinity 13</b> 8:00 AM Eucharist (Live) <b>Adult Sunday School</b> 10:00 AM Eucharist (Live & Streamed) <b>Student Sunday School/</b> <b>Children Church</b> <b>Vestry</b>	<b>15</b> Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed)	<b>16</b> Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed)	<b>17</b> <i>Secret Angels Workday</i> 8:00 AM Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed) Eucharist 6:00 PM (Live & Streamed)	<b>18</b> Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed)	<b>19</b> Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed)	<b>20</b> Anglican Sisters in Christ (zoom) 11:30 am <a href="https://deusaca.org/sisters-in-christ">https://deusaca.org/sisters-in-christ</a>
<b>21</b> <b>St. Matthew</b> 8:00 AM Eucharist (Live) <b>Adult Sunday School</b> 10:00 AM Eucharist (Live & Streamed) <b>Student Sunday School</b> <b>Ladies Lunch Out</b>	<b>22</b> Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed) <b>Ladies Fellowship</b> <b>and Craft Group</b> <b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>23</b> Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed)	<b>24</b> <i>Secret Angels Workday</i> 8:00 AM Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed) Eucharist 6:00 PM (Live & Streamed)	<b>25</b> Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed)	<b>26</b> Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed) 	<b>27</b> Veteran's & First Responder Breakfast 9:00 AM 
<b>28</b> <b>Trinity 15</b> 8:00 AM Eucharist (Live) <b>Adult Sunday School</b> 10:00 AM Eucharist (Live & Streamed) <b>Student Sunday School</b>	<b>29</b> <b>St. Michael &amp; Angels</b> Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed)	<b>30</b> Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed)	<b>October 1</b> <i>Secret Angels Workday</i> 8:00 AM Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed) Eucharist 6:00 PM (Live & Streamed)	<b>October 2</b> Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed) 	<b>October 3</b> Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed) First Friday Family Fun 6:00 PM-8:00 PM	<b>October 4</b> Blessing of the Ani- mals-9:00 AM Spaghetti Dinner for Change Destiny 6:00 PM

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

Matthew Bell	Thomas Faulk	Cameron Frazier	Becky Simmen	Jacob & Faith Crouse	Tim & Sherri Croghan
Steve Johnson	Eileen Leroy	Salud Martinez	Vicki Wright	Steve & Karen Johnson	
Andrea Mustafa	Frank Mustafa	John Mustafa	Sherri Croghan	Sandy & Joseph Thomas	



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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**

**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 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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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**



**6TH ANNUAL COOKIE WALK & VENDOR FAIR**

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 13TH: 9am-12pm**

**INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!**

**We are looking for vendors, people to work the cookie walk, we will need lots of baked Christmas Cookies and Treats. Last year we sold out of cookies by 11am! See Carolyn, Andrea or Linda S.**