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Father Michael's Musings

April 2025

Perhaps, because I have the "On the Road" legacy in my family, I have always been attracted to songs and stories about the stories of outcasts starting on the journey to nowhere. The journey is portrayed as an exciting adventure that culminates in a victorious experience and even a romantic relationship. I have started a good number of those adventures, from a boy running away from home, to a college student hitchhiking in Ireland, to starting new careers in faraway places.

The truth is, though, that a journey with nowhere as a destination succeeds only in getting us nowhere. The reality of the journey is that it is fearful, lonely, and headed for despair. The good outcomes of my "On the Road" adventures invariably were the result of some wiser and kinder person stepping in, dusting me off, bringing me home to feed me, and returning me to a place where I was loved.

When our journey through the spiritual, emotional, and physical adventure that is our life in this world is headed only to nowhere, it is Jesus who is the kinder, wiser guide who intervenes, lifts us up, and returns us to a destination of **Life** and **Light** and **Love**. We know that in our hearts, and yet, the dangers, loneliness, and despair of the road hide that truth from us, locking us into the sadness of the journey.

There is no better time than Easter to look up from our unhappiness and see that we were meant for a better *Way*, a better *Life*, an eternal *Love and Family*. If you are tired of being "On the Road" to nowhere, please join us this Easter to revive and refresh your life, reconnect you to purpose, to love, and to a worthy destination. Let Jesus bring you home, restore you, and deliver you to the love of your heavenly Father.

God bless you,

Father Michael



How Can I serve?

Maundy Thursday commemorates Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples, where he washed their feet, demonstrating humility and service, and instituted the Eucharist (Holy Communion) as a remembrance of his sacrifice. Our Maundy Service at St. Patrick's will be Thursday April 17th at 6:00 PM. But humility and service doesn't start and stop just on Maundy Thursday it's a timeless opportunity for all Christians to give back to their church and community in many ways. Whether its bringing in a can of soup or jar of peanut butter for our church and community bin, or helping to polish silver and serve on the altar guild, or sing with Lea on Sunday mornings or help with Facebook Live on Sundays or Wednesdays, or help clean the parish hall and empty trash on Wednesday mornings. We are so blessed at St. Patrick's but we need to make sure that we always make space for that one other person who wants to serve.



1 Peter 4:10-11 ¹⁰ *As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.* ¹¹ *If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.*



PARISH.LIFE.

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

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 April 26th at 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.

Ladies Fellowship & Craft Group

Meets the 3rd Monday of the Month. Next meeting is **Monday May 19th at 6:00 PM.** Bring a craft or project or come to learn a craft. Light snacks provided.

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



Church Work Day

The facilities inside and out are maintained by the hardworking people of St. Patrick's with the exception of Lawn Cutting. **On Saturday April 19th from 9am-12pm** we will be getting ready for our Easter Service by completing some outside and inside projects.. —Come for an hour or the entire time. Fr. Chet's Gourmet Hot Dogs will be served.



Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. Contact **Linda Simmen 321-480-0927** or **Patrick Valko or Greg Spak** if you have questions.

Ladies Lunch Out & (Gentleman too)

No Ladies Lunch Out in April as we have our Lent and Easter Services. Next Lunch will be in May please see our next month's newsletter for information.

Sunday Adult Teaching

Sunday Adult Teaching will continue our Lenten study on the Apostles on Sunday on April 6th at 9:00 AM—9:40 AM. Adult Sunday School will return again after a short break on Sunday May 4th. Come join us for great fellowship, teaching, and coffee.



Student Sunday School

During April we will be following the lessons of the lectionary in Sunday School for Lent and prepare for Easter. **There is no Sunday School on Easter April 20th.**

On the 2nd Sunday of the month we will continue to do Children's Church in the St. Brigid chapel with a mini sermon by Fr. Mike. All children and teens (1st-8th grade) are welcome to join us for bible study and crafts. See Linda Simmen for more information



- Bring non-perishable items for Church/Community Food Pantry. Such as soup, peanut butter, and jelly.
- We always need toilet paper, paper towel, plates, coffee cups, drink cups, and coffee for the church.

Secret Angels Wednesday Morning Workday

Every Wednesday from 8:00 AM-9:00 AM—members of St. Patrick's meet to do a quick clean up of the Church and Parish hall to keep our facilities in pristine shape for the number of groups that use our facilities and mid-week services. We spend the hour cleaning, socializing, and having coffee and sometimes snacks. Come join us—for more information see **Linda Simmen or Andrea Mustafa.**



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: <https://stpatrickspsj.org/prayer-concerns>

Easter Lilies 2025

Would you like to sponsor or dedicate an Easter Lily to decorate the sanctuary and altar for our Easter Service?

Please fill out this form or use the online form on the home page of the church website (stpatrickspsj.org) by April 13th 2025.

Lilies are \$20.00 each.

You may put a check in the offering plate for your donation or give to Lea Malarae or Carolyn Kerouac

First Name

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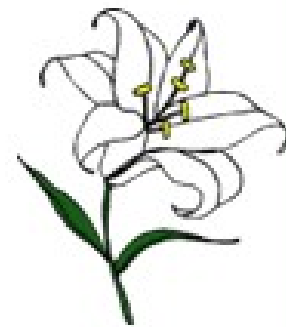
Email Address (optional)

Phone

Number of Easter Lilies?

In Memory of:

In Thanksgiving for:





HOLY WEEK April 13th-April 20th

Sunday: April 13th

Palm Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

Wednesday: April 16th

Holy (Spy) Wednesday 6:00 PM

Thursday: April 17th

Maundy Thursday 6:00 PM

Friday: April 18th

Good Friday Meditation 12:00 PM—3:00 PM

Stations of the Cross 3:30 PM




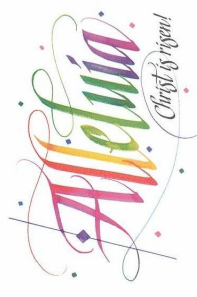

Mass of the Pre-Sanctified 4:00 PM

Sunday: April 20th

Easter Sunday Sunrise Mass "in the Memorial Garden" 7:00 AM

Easter Sunday Mass with Baptism 10:00 AM



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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| <div></div> <div>HOLY WEEK</div> | | <div>1</div> <div>Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed)</div> | <div>2</div> <div>Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed) Stations of Cross 5:30 PM Eucharist 6:00 PM Live & Streamed</div> | <div>3</div> <div>Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed)</div> | <div>4</div> <div>St. Isidore Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed)</div> | <div>5</div> |
| <div>6</div> <div>Passion Sunday 8:00 AM Eucharist (Live) Sunday Adult Teaching 10:00 AM Eucharist (Live & Streamed) Student Sunday School</div> | <div>7</div> <div>Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed)</div> | <div>8</div> <div>Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed)</div> | <div>9</div> <div>Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed) Stations of Cross 5:30 PM Eucharist 6:00 PM Live & Streamed</div> | <div>10</div> <div>Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed)</div> | <div>11</div> <div>Compassion BVM Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed)</div> | <div>12</div> |
| <div>13</div> <div>Palm Sunday 8:00 AM Eucharist (Live) 10:00 AM Eucharist (Live & Streamed) Student Sunday School Vestry Meeting</div> | <div>14</div> <div>Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed)</div> | <div>15</div> <div>Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed)</div> | <div>16</div> <div>Holy Wednesday Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed) Eucharist 6:00 PM Live & Streamed</div> | <div>17</div> <div>Maundy Thursday Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed) Eucharist 6:00 PM Live & Streamed</div> | <div>18</div> <div>Good Friday Meditation 12pm-3pm Stations of Cross 3:30 PM Pre-Sanctification Mass 4:00 PM</div> | <div>19</div> <div>Holy Saturday Church Workday 9:00am–12:00 pm Lunch Provided WORK DAY</div> |
| <div>20</div> <div>Easter Sunday 7:00 AM Eucharist Memorial Garden 10:00 AM Eucharist (Live & Streamed) No Sunday School</div> | <div>21</div> <div>Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed)</div> | <div>22</div> <div>Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed)</div> | <div>23</div> <div>Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed) Eucharist 6:00 PM Live & Streamed</div> | <div>24</div> <div>Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed)</div> | <div>25</div> <div>Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed)</div> | <div>26</div> <div>Veteran's & First Responder Breakfast 9:00 AM VETERANS ★ Breakfast ★</div> |
| <div>27</div> <div>Easter 1 8:00 AM Eucharist (Live) 10:00 AM Eucharist (Live & Streamed) Student Sunday School</div> | <div>28</div> <div>St. Mark Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed)</div> | <div>29</div> <div>St. Peter Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed)</div> | <div>30</div> <div>Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed) Stations of Cross 5:30 PM Eucharist 6:00 PM Live & Streamed</div> | <div>May 1</div> <div>St. Philip & St. James Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed)</div> | <div>May 2</div> <div>Morning Prayer 8:00 AM (Streamed)</div> | <div>May 3</div> <div>Invention of the Holy Cross Cinco de Mayo Potluck Dinner 6:00 PM</div> |
| <div></div> | | | | <div>Happy Birthday and Anniversary to...</div> <div></div> | | |
| Emmy Halaby | | Diane Salazar | | Carol York | | |
| Fr. Michael Kerouac | | Jeffrey Simmen | | Mike & Lee Brady | | |
| Ardith Langan | | Dylan 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

5th Sunday Healing Service and Fellowship –Next May 29th, 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: Lea Malarae; Secretary: Donna McFall, Vestry at Large: Lionel Felix, Georgia Weston, & Mike Brady

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| April 16th | Holy Wednesday Service | 6:00 PM |
| April 17th | Maundy Thursday | 6:00 PM |
| April 18th | Good Friday Meditation Stations of Cross Mass of the Pre-Sanctification | 12PM-3PM 3:30 PM 4:00 PM |
| April 19th | Parish Workday for Easter followed by Lunch | 9am-12pm |
| April 20th | Easter Sunrise Service “Memorial Garden” Easter Family Service with Baptism | 7:00 AM 10:00 AM |
| April 26th | Veterans, Veteran Spouse & First Responder Breakfast | 9:00 AM |
| May 3rd | Cinco de Mayo Potluck Dinner Please see sign up sheet | 6:00 PM |
| July 5th | Celebration of America and Church BBQ | TBA |