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Father Michael's Musings

As of the printing of this newsletter, Fr. Chet has returned home from the hospital and entered hospice care, as we continue to hold him in prayer.

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." — Psalm 46:1



I have had the privilege of knowing many exceptional people, through both my secular and religious life. One of the most exceptional is dear to me, and to many of you, Father Chester "Chet" O'Brien. It has been a privilege to serve the people of this parish as both his colleague and his brother. I want to dedicate this Musings to sharing a bit about Father Chet's life.

He was born in Boston to a working class family almost exactly 90 years ago. Like many young Irishman of his era, and my own, he married early and badly, but also had a beloved son from the union. As a result, instead of the scholarship to a prestigious New England College, he went to Northeastern, a good school with the unique program of splitting the year between academics and internships, where the graduates could start their careers in industry early. To that heavy workload, he added working as a bartender, often putting in 18-20 hour days to care for his family and his obligations.

He had an exceptional career as an engineer, inventor and entrepreneur. He started several companies, secured patents and even sold his inventions to prestigious companies such as IBM. He was probably best known to us for his work with NASA and quality control that led to a career in which he had last level control of "fly/no fly". His career included a perfect record of launches, with never a mishap. He was married to childhood sweetheart, Norma, during these year and his family increased by 3 daughters, whom he loved dearly.

While most people would have been content with such a career, his inner voice, and his very wise wife, knew that God had more in store for him. He started seminary at the tender age of 78. I was one of his instructors, and no matter how bright the mind, seminary is a challenge, especially at an age when few people are taking on rigorous academics. He became a priest in 1980, and served this parish and its people with distinction, love and humility. He was a great evangelist, and was especially successful with people 60 years his junior. He was a great sounding board for me. He did visitations until this year, visiting hospitals and nursing homes to minister to people much younger than he was. He was always available, always enthusiastic, always kind and generous to the people of St Patrick's. He retires this year, truly beloved.



We have been blessed to know a great man. I cherish him, and I hope you all will cherish him as well.

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

MONTHLY EVENTS AT ST. PATRICK'S



Grandparents raising Grandchildren Support Group

Tuesday, April 7th • 9:30 AM–11:30 AM • Church Paish Hall

Join fellow grandparents for conversation, resources, and encouragement. Whether you're new to caregiving or have been at it for years, you're welcome. Light refreshments provided. Invite a friend! Contact the church for more information at 321-802-1311 or stpatrickspsj@gmail.com * **First Tuesday of the month.**

Beginning Bridge

Curious about bridge or ready to brush up the basics? Join our friendly beginner group **every Thursday from 1:00–3:00 PM in the Parish Hall.** We'll cover foundational bidding, simple play strategies, and plenty of supervised hands. No partner or experience needed; cards and score sheets provided.



First Friday Family Fun Night & Cinco da Mayo Pot Luck

Join us for our next **First Friday Family Fun Night** on **Friday, May 3rd from 6:00–8:00 PM** at St. Patrick's Anglican Church. This intergenerational evening is for all ages—young, young-at-heart, and everyone in between! This will be combined with our Annual Cinco de Mayo Potluck.



Bring the whole family (and a friend!) *For more information or to RSVP:* 321-802-1311 | stpatrickspsj@gmail.com **We look forward to a joyful evening together!**



Ladies Lunch Out (and Gentlemen Too!)



This month we are going to Native Bar and Grill at Titusville Landing on Sunday April 19th following the 10:00 AM service. Please let Carolyn or Andrea know if you are attending. Carpooling is available. Website: <https://www.thenativegrill.com>.

Lets all get together for food, fellowship, and fun!

Parish Work Day

Join us for our next Parish Work Day! **April 18th from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM.**

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. This is our last workday before Easter to get memorial garden ready.

Afterwards, stay for **Our Famous Gourmet Hot Dogs with all the fixings** — the perfect reward for a morning of service together.



LADIES FELLOWSHIP & CRAFT GROUP

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






Veterans, Veteran Spouses, and First Responder Breakfast

INVITE A VETERAN OR FIRST RESPONDER TO BREAKFAST!

Join us for a hot breakfast and warm fellowship on **Saturday April 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.*



April 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES						
Mike Brady Fr. Michael Kerouac Jessica Gonzales Ardith Langan Emmy Halaby Dylan Thomas Mike and Lee Brady Carol York	Diane Salazar Jeff Simmen		1 <i>Secret Angels</i> Workday 8:00 AM Morning Prayer 8:00 AM <i>(Streamed)</i> Holy Wednesday Mass 6:00 PM <i>(Live & Streamed)</i>	2 MAUNDY THURSDAY Morning Prayer 8:00 AM <i>(Streamed)</i> Bridge 1pm-3pm Maundy Thursday Mass 6:00 PM	2 GOOD FRIDAY Good Friday Meditation 12PM- 3PM Stations of the Cross 3:30 PM Mass of the Presanctification 4PM	4 HOLY SATURDAY
5 Easter 7:00 AM Eucharist <i>(Live)</i> No Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Eucharist <i>(Live & Streamed)</i> No Student Sunday School	6 Morning Prayer 8:00 AM <i>(Streamed)</i>	7 Morning Prayer 8:00 AM <i>(Streamed)</i>	8 <i>Secret Angels</i> Workday 8:00 AM Morning Prayer 8:00 AM <i>(Streamed)</i> Service 6:00 PM <i>(Live & Streamed)</i>	9 Morning Prayer 8:00 AM <i>(Streamed)</i> Bridge 1pm-3pm	10 Morning Prayer 8:00 AM <i>(Streamed)</i>	11
12 Easter 1 8:00 AM Eucharist <i>(Live)</i> Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Eucharist <i>(Live & Streamed)</i> Student Sunday School Vestry Meeting	13 Morning Prayer 8:00 AM <i>(Streamed)</i>	14 Morning Prayer 8:00 AM <i>(Streamed)</i>	15 <i>Secret Angels</i> Workday 8:00 AM Morning Prayer 8:00 AM <i>(Streamed)</i> Service 6:00 PM <i>(Live & Streamed)</i>	16 Morning Prayer 8:00 AM <i>(Streamed)</i> Bridge 1pm-3pm	17 Morning Prayer 8:00 AM <i>(Streamed)</i>	18 Church Workday 9:00am-12:00 pm Lunch Provided 
19 Easter 2 8:00 AM Eucharist <i>(Live)</i> Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Eucharist <i>(Live & Streamed)</i> Student Sunday School Ladies Lunch Out	20 Morning Prayer 8:00 AM <i>(Streamed)</i> Ladies Fellowship and Craft Group 6:00 PM-8:00 PM	21 Morning Prayer 8:00 AM <i>(Streamed)</i>	22 <i>Secret Angels</i> Workday 8:00 AM Morning Prayer 8:00 AM <i>(Streamed)</i> Midweek Mass 6:00 PM <i>(Live & Streamed)</i>	23 Morning Prayer 8:00 AM <i>(Streamed)</i> Bridge 1pm-3pm	24 Morning Prayer 8:00 AM <i>(Streamed)</i>	25 Veteran's & First Responder Breakfast 9:00 AM 
26 8:00 AM Eucharist <i>(Live)</i> Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Eucharist <i>(Live & Streamed)</i> Student Sunday School	27 Morning Prayer 8:00 AM <i>(Streamed)</i>	28 Morning Prayer 8:00 AM <i>(Streamed)</i>	May 1 <i>Secret Angels</i> Workday 8:00 AM Morning Prayer 8:00 AM <i>(Streamed)</i> Midweek Mass 6:00 PM <i>(Live & Streamed)</i>	May 2 Morning Prayer 8:00 AM <i>(Streamed)</i> Bridge 1pm-3pm	May 3 Morning Prayer 8:00 AM <i>(Streamed)</i> First Friday Family Fun Night & Cinco de Mayo Dinner 6:00 PM 	May 4

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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 Anglican Catholic Church, 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/
Retired**

Service Times

Sunday Communion Service

8:00 AM Service – Live

10:00 AM Service –Live & Streamed

5th Sunday Healing Service and Fellowship –**March 29th, 2026**

Wednesday Communion Service

6:00 PM Service—Live & Streamed

Morning Prayer Services

Mon.-Tues.-Wed.-Thurs.– Fri.



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

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First Friday Family Fun Night & Cinco de Mayo Potluck Friday, May 3rd • 6:00 PM

Join us for a festive evening of food, fellowship, and fun as we combine two favorites into one joyful celebration!

Bring a dish to share—Mexican-inspired or a family favorite—and enjoy games, laughter, and time together as a church family.

“How good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity!” — Psalm 133:1

All are welcome—bring a friend!



English Tea – A Special Mother’s Day Weekend Gathering Saturday, May 11 • 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Join us for a delightful **English Tea** as we gather in fellowship the day before Mother’s Day. Enjoy a relaxing afternoon filled with tea, light fare, and meaningful conversation in a charming setting.



This is a wonderful opportunity to honor mothers, grandmothers, and the special women in our lives—or simply to enjoy a peaceful time together with friends.

Cost: \$15 per person

We look forward to sharing this beautiful time of fellowship with you!