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Father Michael's Musings

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At the birth of Our Lord, the angels sang "Peace on earth, good will toward men". Indeed, the years during which Jesus walked the earth were the rare example of worldwide peace. Before He came, and in the years since His Ascension, the rule of man was marked by war after war, violence upon violence. We know that at the end of our lives we rest in peace, and that at the Second Coming, the peace of God will be imposed on all of Creation. The question remains though, as to whether we will ever again have the respite of peace in our lives and in our world.

Our last decades have seen the added complication of war manifested by ideologies and anarchism as well as the potential of war between states. The potential now is that state developed weapons, nuclear arms, biological weapons and even artificial intelligence, can be co-opted and unleashed upon the world by fanatic and anarchic splinter groups. From the sadness of 9-11, to the atrocities of Hamas last year, to the savagery of the murders in Moscow last month, the world seems committed to self-destruction and endless violence.

The incredible courage of Christians is that we face this world with faith and hope, not only for peace after time, but for the reign of peace by the power of God in our times. Our weapons to combat the savagery are charity and prayer. Persistent kindness, without concern for compensation, is a change agent. The Palestinians and Jews who share business and gardens will be more powerful in creating peace than all the weapons the US and Iran can pour into the region. Feeding the millions starving in Africa is the only way to keep entire populations from becoming weaponized as starving refugees. It was mothers who had had enough of losing children to senseless war that ended the "Troubles" in Ireland and will end the war in Ukraine.

As Christians we make the mistake of thinking of prayer as our last resort. We offer prayers to people when we don't have any other way to ease their suffering. The Truth is that prayer is our most powerful weapon. In fact, it is our only hope to prevent suffering, not our last hope to minimize that suffering. We need to be earnest in our prayer, persistent in our prayer and faithful in our prayer if we hope to secure God's intercession on our behalf against the powers that are too great for us to defeat by ourselves.

This year, every Mass at St Patrick's will be dedicated to peace in the world, peace in the Middle East, peace in Eastern Europe, peace in our neighborhoods, peace within our families and in our own hearts. We invite you to join us, at St. Patrick's if you can come, but in prayer regardless, as we make this a year of prayer for peace, so that the years to come can be years of peace for all.

God bless you.

Father Michael +

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

Ladies Lunch Out & (Gentleman too)

Sunday April 21st - Meet after the 10:00 AM Service. Location will be Third Culture, 1000 Cheney Hwy, Titusville. 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 April 27th 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.



Crafty Ladies

Meets the 3rd Monday of the Month. Next meeting is **Monday April 15th 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.



Adult Bible Study

Adult Bible Study will restart on Sunday April 21st at 9:00 am. Fr. Mike will continue our study on the Psalms. Come join the study—coffee and good fellowship provided.



Student Sunday School

We continue to have Student Sunday School on **Sundays during the 10:00 AM service.** Sunday School is open to all Students in 1st grade to 8th grade. Students will exit after announcements and return for communion. We follow the church lectionary and seasons. The program includes bible study and activities. If you have children or grandchildren who are not able to attend our Student Sunday School—please see Linda Simmen as she can provide you the curriculum to download.

“Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.” Proverbs 22:6

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.



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. **On Saturday April 20th from 9am-12pm** we will be doing our normal monthly maintenance in addition to a full church inventory for our accounting —Come for an hour or the entire time. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. Contact **Linda Simmen 321-480-0927** or **Patrick Valko** or **Greg Spak** if you have questions.

Volunteers Needed

Do you have a gift and or some time on your hands that you can share with St. Patrick's? We are seriously in need of some help in the following areas outside of the monthly workday.



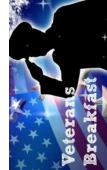

- Facebook Live Recording (Sunday, Wednesday, & Fridays)
- Taking the Trash Cans to the curb & putting them back (Monday & Thursday-Take to curb-Tuesday & Friday Put back)
- General cleaning of the church, library, bathrooms and parish hall.
- Greeters and Coffee Hour hosts.

See Fr. Michael Kerouac or Linda Simmen



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

APRIL 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed)	2 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed)	3 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed)	4 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed)	5 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed) Evening Prayer 6:00 PM (Live & Streamed)	6
7 Easter 1 8:00 AM Eucharist (Live) No Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Eucharist (Live & Streamed) Child/Teen SS.	8 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed) Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed)	10 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM	11 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed)	12 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed) Evening Prayer 6:00 PM (Live & Streamed)	13
14 Easter 2 8:00 AM Eucharist (Live) No Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Eucharist (Live & Streamed) Child/Teen SS. Vestry Meeting	15 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed) Crafty Ladies 6:00 PM 	16 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed)	17 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed)	18 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed)	19 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed) Evening Prayer 6:00 PM (Live & Streamed)	20 Church Workday 9:00am—12:00 pm 
21 Easter 3 8:00 AM Eucharist (Live) Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Eucharist (Live & Streamed) Child/Teen SS. Ladies Lunch Out	22 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed)	23 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed)	24 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed)	25 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed) St. Mark	26 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed) Evening Prayer 6:00 PM (Live & Streamed)	27 Veteran's Breakfast 9:00 AM 
28 Easter 4 8:00 AM Eucharist (Live) Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Eucharist (Live & Streamed) Child/Teen SS.	29 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed)	30 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed)	<p>Jessica Gonzalez</p> <p>Fr. Michael Kerouac</p> <p>Ardith Langan</p> <p>Diane Salazar</p> <p>Emmy Santiago</p>	<p>Jeffrey Simmen</p> <p>Dylan Thomas</p> <p>Carol York</p>	<p>Michael & Lee Brady</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

5th Sunday Healing Service and Fellowship –Next June 30th.

Wednesday Communion Service

6:00 PM Service—Live & Streamed

Morning Prayer Services

Mon.-Tues.-Wed.-Thurs.– Fri.

9:00 AM—Streamed

Evening Prayer Service

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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GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Local Meetings Scheduled for 2024

All meetings schedule on Tuesdays from 2:00-3:30 PM at
Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

(No Meetings in May, June, July, & August)

April	September	October	November	December
2nd	3rd	1st	12th	3rd
9th	10th	8th	19th	10th
16th	17th		26th	17th
23rd	24th			
30th				

5135 North US 1, Cocoa, FL 32927 321-632-6333

Cinco De Mayo Potluck Dinner

Saturday May 4th

6:00 PM

**Make and Bring your favorite
Mexican Dish to share.**

Sign Up Sheet in Dorman Hall.



Senior Warden: Andrea Mustafa

Treasurer: Lea Malarae; Secretary: Linda Gould

Vestry at Large: Georgia Weston, Linda Simmen & Mike Brady

