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Father Michael's Musing

"As the calendar turns to December, most people warm to the holiday season. They anticipate family gatherings, familiar carols, brightly lit and brightly wrapped symbols of merriment and joy. There are many, however, whose thoughts turn more to darkness than light. Some ache with loneliness for loved ones who are far away, or who have gone on before them to their reward. Others are exhausted by the difficulties of a second year of Covid constraints. Some are anxious about being with family, fearing either the high expectations or dysfunction. Some even contemplate the ultimate rejection of life because they feel their very existence is futile and pointless.



The comfort for those in this kind of distress is the Christian life celebrated in the Nativity of our Lord. That life doesn't provide the snappy cure all magic of our holiday movies. Instead, the grace materialized by the birth of our Lord provides purpose and the opportunity to transcend through our problems to a life of eternal glory. In Christ, those who have gone before us are also still with us, in Spirit and Prayer. They want their memory to be the inspiration for us to persevere in this life until we can join them eternally. To those exhausted by the trials of daily living, new strength is given us in the sacrament of the Eucharist. To those who are stressed with the strain of family expectations and dysfunction, the hope we find in Christ brings patience, forgiveness, kindness, and love. These virtues are the means through which unhappiness in families is transformed, slowly but surely, into true peace and happiness.

To those whose suffering and despair is anchored in pointlessness, the Christian life offers sacrifice that transforms that pointlessness to hope. Christians know that God loves and cares for our suffering, so much so that He would give His only Son for our salvation. He gives us the courage to offer our pains and disappointments to the glory of God, to the inspiration of others, to holiness which transforms what was once too painful to bear into a gift we can carry, and grace we can share. For those people in our lives who suffer during this season, we should be constant in prayer, patient in our conversation, and determined to offer the example of Christian forgiveness, grace and peace as our gift.

Have a blessed Christmas.

Father Michael

Upcoming EVENTS

Wednesdays (Dec. 1, 8th, 15th, & 22nd) 7:00 PM

Advent Study with Soup Dinner

Fri—December 10th 12:00 PM

Cookie Walk Prep

Sat—December 11th 9AM-12PM

Cookie Walk

Sun—December 12th 11:00 AM

Vestry Meeting

Sat—December 18th 9:00 AM

Parish Workday

Fri—December 24th 6:00 PM

Family Service

Fri—December 24th 11:00 PM

Caroling and Midnight Service

Sun—December 25th 10:00 AM

Christmas Day Service

Sat—January 29th 9:00 AM

Veteran's & First Responder Breakfast.

Wed—March 2nd 6:00 PM

Ash Wednesday

Wednesdays (Mar. 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th 7:00 PM

Lent Study with Soup Dinner

Vestry Members

Gina Otero – Senior Warden, Linda Gould – Treasure, Von Yantsios; Lea Taylor-Malarae, Georgia Wes-

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 (www.stpatrickspsj.org)**

or Facebook page

**[www.facebook.com/
 StPatspsj](http://www.facebook.com/StPatspsj)**

**For the most current
 event information.**

The Bulletin Board

Ladies Luncheon is taking a break for the rest of the year in light of the busy schedule and recent covid-19 outbreak. Please check back with us for any updates or changes.

Adult and Children Sunday School/Confirmation

- ⇒ Children's Sunday School will be held during the 10:00 AM Service— Children will exit at announcements and return at communion.
- ⇒ During Advent we will be doing a teaching on Wednesdays following 6pm Eucharist. Soup dinner provided.



Your Help is Needed

1. Donations of items and volunteers for Veteran's Breakfast. See Fr. Robert
2. Donations of food for UMC food bank: Spaghetti, Spaghetti Sauce, Peanut Butter & Jelly. See Karen Johnson.
3. See sign up sheet for the Bishop's Dinner on Saturday Nov. 6th.
4. The west side AC in the church has died, and we are looking to raise money this winter to purchase a new AC. Please designate anything you can to "Building Fund". See Linda Gould for more information.



Cookie Walk

The 3rd Annual Cookie walk is Saturday December 11 from 9-12 noon. We expanded to a food truck and lots of local vendors to add to the sidewalk filled with cookies, brownies, fudge, and **CHOCOLATE COVERED BACON** under the tents in front of the church!

SANTA returns with puppy biscuits this year! Bring your camera phone and ideas for **YOUR CHRISTMAS LIST!**



PARISH PRAYER LIST

Our Parish offers prayers daily for people on the Prayer List. To add a name to the Prayer List please contact one of the ministers of the church or call 321-802-1311 or email us at stpatrickspsj@gmail.com or visit our website at www.stpatrickspsj.org and complete the prayer list form.



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays:

Vance Dykes

Claire Frazier

Fr. Tim Gouge

Michael Malarae

Melissa Richardson

John Schneider

Sean Williams

Kyra Williams

David Szabo

Anniversaries:

Michael and Melissa Simmen



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Holy Eucharist 6:00 PM followed by Advent Study and Soup Dinner	2	3 Evening Prayer 6:00 PM 	4
Advent 2 5 8:00 AM Eucharist 10:00 AM Eucharist & "Facebook Live 10:15 AM Child SS.	6	7	8 Holy Eucharist 6:00 PM followed by Advent Study and Soup Dinner	9	10 Cookie Walk Prep 12:00 PM Evening Prayer 6:00 PM	11 Cookie Walk Table Set up 8:00 AM Cookie Walk 9:00 AM-12:00 PM
Advent 3 12 8:00 AM Eucharist 10:00 AM Eucharist & "Facebook Live 10:15 AM Child SS. Vestry Meeting	13	14	15 Holy Eucharist 6:00 PM followed by Advent Study and Soup Dinner	16	17 Evening Prayer 6:00 PM 	18 Church Workday 9:00 AM—12:00 PM Followed by Lunch
Advent 4 29	20	St. Thomas 21	22	23 Christmas Eve 24		Christmas Day 25
8:00 AM Eucharist 10:00 AM Eucharist & "Facebook Live 10:15 AM Child SS.			Holy Eucharist 6:00 PM followed by Advent Study and Soup Dinner		Family Service 6:00 PM Caroling and Eucharist 11:00 PM	Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM
St. Stephen 26	27	Holy Innocents 28	29	30	New Years Eve 31	January 1 2022
8:00 AM Eucharist 10:00 AM Eucharist & "Facebook Live 10:15 AM Child SS.						

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

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.

**The Most Rev. Juan Garcia,
Archbishop**

**Rev. Fr. Michael Kerouac,
Dean**

**Rev. Fr. Tim Gouge,
Vicar**

**Rev. Fr. Chester O'Brien,
Curate**

**Fr. Robert Fredrickson,
Assoc. Pastor**

**The Rt. Rev. John Vaughan,
Bishop Ordinary, emeritus**

Friday Dec. 24th

6:00 pm: Family Service

11:00 pm: Caroling and Midnight Service

Saturday Dec. 25th

10:00 am Christmas Day Service

Sunday Dec. 26th

8:00 am Christmas 1 Eucharist

10:00 am Christmas 1 Eucharist w/Facebook live



**Next Veteran's and First Responder
Breakfast—Saturday January 29th at
9:00 AM**



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Service Times

Sunday Services

8:00 AM Service – Live
10:00 AM Service – Live &
Streamed

**5th Sunday Healing Service
and Fellowship**

Wednesday Service

6:00 PM Service

Friday Service

6:00 PM Evening Prayer



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