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## The Shamrock

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### FATHER MIKE'S MUSING

As the calendar turns to December, Christians turn their focus to the celebration of Christmas. The remembrance of the Nativity of our Lord is one of the most significant Holy days on the Church calendar. At St. Patrick's, we will work with the children on a new bell choir for the Children's service at 6 PM on Christmas Eve. Those of us who are a little older will look forward to Midnight Mass, which will start at 11:30 PM on Christmas Eve, and culminate in the first minutes of Christmas morning. Finally, we will remember those who blessed our past Christmas celebrations by celebrating Mass in the Memorial Garden at 10:00 on Christmas morning. As is usual, the poinsettias that decorate the altar will be dedicated to our loved ones who have passed to their reward ahead of us.



However, the great proportion of the month is the observance of Advent, and that is also a very important part of the Church calendar. While Christmas looks back to the Nativity, the season of Advent is dedicated to looking forward in preparation for the return of Jesus at His Second Coming. Advent is the season to consider our end, both the end of our time here on earth but also the end, or purpose, of our personal Creation.

2020 has brought great challenges. We have battled the pandemic, and the economic and social havoc wrought by the response to the illness. The normal pattern of cataclysms that we encounter seems to have been more vicious. More fires, more flooding, more hurricanes here in Florida than we have recorded at any other time. I have been asked many times this year if we are approaching the Apocalypse, the end of time and return of Christ. Of course, I don't have that answer. As Jesus told the Apostles, the answer to that question is not on anyone's sign or web site. Only the Father knows the time He has set. We do know however, that whether the world is ending or not, that we are always getting nearer to the end of our own individual lives.

Taking time to think and pray about how we will meet that end, and how the purpose for which we were created will be fulfilled, are timely and worthwhile pursuits. As we fight our way through the stores, scramble for addresses for Christmas cards, and battle to keep Christ in our Christmas celebrations, we need to also look forward to how we are preparing to meet Him at His return. I wish all of you a Holy and insightful Advent season, and all the blessings that God can bestow upon us for Christmas as well. I look forward to being with you on Christmas.

Yours in Christ,

Father Mike

### Upcoming Events

- ◇ **Sunday's November 29th—December 20th—** Advent Teaching Series— Fr. Tim
- ◇ **Saturday December 12th—**Cookie Walk 9:00 am—12:00 pm
- ◇ **Sunday December 13th—** Vestry Meeting—11:00 am
- ◇ **Saturday December 19th—** Parish Work Day— 10:00 am—12:00 pm  
\*followed by lunch by Fr. Chet
- ◇ **Thursday December 24th—**Christmas Eve Services: 6:00 pm and 11:00 pm.
- ◇ **Friday December 25th—** Christmas Day Service 10:00 am.



*Gina Otero – Senior Warden, Michael Malarae – Junior Warden, Linda Gould – Treasure, Vonn Yantsios; Peggy Ryan, Michael Leroy, Georgia Weston*

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For the most current  
 event information.

## Church Work Day

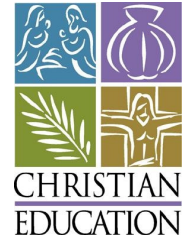
### Thank You Volunteers



## Upcoming Christian Education Series

Please join Fr. Tim for an Advent series called "Rejoice! Advent meditations with Joseph" This series will start on Sunday November 29th and will be web based. Please contact Fr. Tim concerning the study materials to be used in the series.

January 2021—Fr. Mike will be doing a repeat of "What it means to be an Anglican". Wednesday Nights following the 6:00 pm Service. Please watch the bulletin and website for more information.



### SPOTLIGHT— REV. FR. TIM GOUGE

I was called to God's service at the age of 16 in a Baptist Church. Though it took over 20 years to discover what direction that was to be, I was always looking for God's plan. I was ordained a deacon March 2013, and ordained a priest three months later on June 1, 2013.



I became a part of St. Patrick's several months later on an intermittent basis as I led a small congregation in Kissimmee, St. Andrew's Mission. I asked to be a permanent part of St. Patrick's at the first of this year.

I am a retired teacher of high school at-risk students.

My wife, Heidi, our daughter Emmy, and I live in Kissimmee with Vicar, my dog, and Joey and Oreos our cats. Hot Dog Bun, Allan's cat (My future son-in-law!) lives with also.

### 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](mailto:stpatrickspsj@gmail.com) or visit our website at [www.stpatrickspsj.org](http://www.stpatrickspsj.org) and complete the prayer list form.*



**Health and Wellbeing:** George, Barney, Jose, Mike, Deborah, Cory, John, Michael, Eileen, Arianna, Christina, Kim, Allan, Thang, Joyce, Alysea, Rita, Cory, Richard, Boyde, Arnold, Francis, Grace, Linda, Maria, Fr. Tim, Heidi, Ariel, Mung, Denise, Wood Family, Melody, Simone, Ray, James, Susie, Terry, Jason, Ed, Lottie, Kent, Donna, Wendy, Lee, Jenna, David, Tyler, Joe, Anna, Dale **Travel:** Gina, Peggy, David **Military:** Dean, Sage, Lance, Haylee, Christina, Tyler, Corey, Jock, Crystal, Karen, Dominic, Forest

### BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

<b>Birthdays</b>	Melissa Richardson
Vance Dykes II	John Schneider
Claire Frazier	Sean Williams
Fr. Tim Gouge	Kyra Williams
Michael Malarae	<b>Anniversaries</b>
	Mike and Missy Simmen



# D E C E M B E R 2 0 2 0

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>November 29th</b> First Sunday in Advent 8:00 am Service 10:00 am Service/ <a href="#">Facebook Live</a> Advent Teaching Series— Fr. Tim	30	1	2 6:00 pm Service	3	4	5
6 2nd Sunday in Advent 8:00 am Service 10:00 am Service/ <a href="#">Facebook Live</a> Advent Teaching Series— Fr. Tim	7	8	9 6:00 pm Service	10	11	12
13 3rd Sunday in Advent 8:00 am Service 10:00 am Service/ <a href="#">Facebook Live</a> Advent Teaching Series— Fr. Tim Vestry Meeting	14	15	16 Ember Day 6:00 pm Service	17	18 Ember Day	19 Ember Day Parish Work Day 10:00 am—12:00 pm Work Day Lunch following
20 4th Sunday in Advent 8:00 am Service 10:00 am Service/ <a href="#">Facebook Live</a> Advent Teaching Series— Fr. Tim	21 St. Thomas the Apostle	22	23 6:00 pm Service	24 <u>Christmas Eve</u> 6:00pm Family Service 11:00pm Midnight Caroling Service	25 <u>Christmas Day</u> 10:00 am Service	26 St. Stephen: Deacon and Martyr
27 8:00 am Service 10:00 am Service/ <a href="#">Facebook Live</a>	28 The Holy Innocents	29	30 6:00 pm Service	31	January 1st	January 2nd

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 Rt. Rev. John Vaughan, Bishop Ordinary

Rev. Fr. Michael Kerouac, Dean

Rev. Fr. Tim Gouge, Vicar

Rev. Fr. Chester O'Brien, Curate

# ANNUAL CHRISTMAS COOKIE



*Please join our annual Cookie Walk, always 2nd Saturday of December This year it will be outdoors and you can drive by or walk by the tables to choose your*

*selection! Homemade sold by the pound.*

*Craft tables and pictures with Santa! Please contact Carolyn for more information.*

*Each parish family is asked to bring 5 lbs. (10lbs, even better) of freshly baked cookies and drop off in tins the week before but no later than Friday December 11th the day before.*

**Join us and BE MERRY!**  
Carolyn

## Children Corner

Please join us to ring BELLS TO CHRISTMAS CARROLS ON CHRISTMAS EVE AT 6 pm Children will also escort figures to the crèche

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### **Service Times**

#### **Sunday Services**

8:00 AM Service – Live

10:00 AM Service –Live & Streamed

*5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Healing Service and Fellowship*

#### **Wednesday Services**

6:00 PM Service



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HERE