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Father Michael's Musings

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We have been conditioned by Hallmark cards and our favorite florists to think about Valentine's Day as the calendar turns to February. This year we have the rare instance of Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday happening on the same date, February 14th, which creates a dilemma. All the trappings of Valentine's Day, such as chocolates, a nice steak, or a glass of wine, are on the list of things we give up for Lent.

Perhaps this year, we can recognize both our valentines and our duties to the Penitential season a little differently. The day before Ash Wednesday, Shrove Tuesday, is also known in the French corners of the world as Mardi Gras, a day of celebration before the austerity of Lent. We could make our celebration of Valentine's Day part of Mardi Gras. In the best of all worlds, our romantic beloved also loves pancakes and crepes. If so, please come join us for Shrove Tuesday pancake supper at St. Patrick's. You could follow up the pancakes with a later night glass of wine and maybe those chocolates as well.

On the next day, come to church to receive ashes, and celebrate love once again. After all, those of us who have experienced life as well as romance, understand that love is not how nice someone makes us feel or what they will do for us. Real love is what we are willing to sacrifice for the people we care about. It is the gift of putting the needs of our beloved before the pursuit of our own desires, our own comfort and our own egos.

True love is symbolized by the sacrifice that God the Father made, offering His only Son for us to the end that all those who believe in Him would not perish, but have everlasting life. The epitome of that love is the offering that Jesus made for us by dying on the Cross. When we wear that cross, represented by the ashes of the glories of this world imposed upon our foreheads, we honor that love and witness its power to the world. We proclaim that the love we share with those who mean the most to us is built on the sacrifice that Jesus made for us, by our determination to set aside our selfishness, greed and sin, and our hope to receive the gift eternal life not only for ourselves, but for our beloved and our families.

I hope you will join us both Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday, but especially that you will join us in the celebration of the greatest love of 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.

Parish Life Events

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

Tuesday February 13th at 6:00 PM is our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner. This starts the season of Lent in the Anglican church and in early church culture having pancakes was a way for families to use up the eggs, butter, and milk that were not allowed during the 40 day fast of Lent.



Please join us for this great Lenten tradition.

Ladies Lunch Out & (Gentleman too)



Sunday February 18th Meet after the 10:00 AM Service to go to Royal Sushi Grill and Thai on 524 in Cocoa. Please let Carolyn Kerouac know if you plan to attend; 203-500-9098

Veterans, Veteran Spouses, and First Responder

Breakfast—Saturday February 24th. 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 February 19th 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.



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. We will be using these

items for people we know in the community or our congregation. Examples of needed items are cans with lids that pop off (like soup, chili, etc.) Peanut butter & Jelly, crackers, cereal, canned meat, etc. Items that can be opened without a can opener or can be eaten without a stove.

Items Needed for Church

We are in need of the following items for St. Patrick's if you have the ability to provide them that would be greatly appreciated:



Needed Items

Paper Towel, sugar packets, non-dairy creamer & toilet plunger. If someone would like to take monthly inventory and relay it to me, that would be terrific. I have an inventory list in the kitchen. Please see Linda Simmen for more information. 321-480-0927.






Parish 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. We are now in a cooler season and I am hoping on Saturday February 17th from 9am-12pm, we can not only do our normal inside cleaning and maintenance but tackle a few outside projects, such as power washing sidewalks and continuing on the Memorial Garden updates. If you can come on Saturday for an hour or the entire 3 hours it will make a huge difference. Lunch provided. If you can't make Saturday but want to donate some time, please call me. Linda Simmen 321-480-0927



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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Faith Crouse Trystan Frazier Allan Hallaby Charley Johnson Karen Johnson Chris Jourdan	Lillian Justice Alyssa Kerouac Allen Mustafa Abigail Valko Bishop John Vaughan	Allan & Andrea Mustafa	1 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed)	2 Presentation of Christ Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed) Evening Prayer 6:00 PM (Live & Streamed)	3
4 Sexagesima 8:00 AM Eucharist (Live) No Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Eucharist (Live & Streamed) Child/Teen SS.	5 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed)	6 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed)	7 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed) Holy Eucharist 6:00 PM (Live & Streamed)	8 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed)	9 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed) Evening Prayer 6:00 PM (Live & Streamed)	10
11 Quinquagesima 8:00 AM Eucharist (Live) No Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Eucharist (Live & Streamed) Child/Teen SS. Vestry Meeting	12 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed)	13 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed) Shrove Tuesday Dinner 6:00 PM	14 Ash Wednesday Disposition of Ashes 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 9:00 AM Disposition of Ashes 6:00 PM	15 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed)	16 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed) Evening Prayer 6:00 PM (Live & Streamed)	17 Church Workday 9:00am—12:00 pm Lunch Provided 
18 Lent 1 8:00 AM Eucharist (Live) Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Eucharist (Live & Streamed) Child/Teen SS. Ladies Lunch Out	19 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed) Crafty Ladies 6:00 PM 	20 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed)	21 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM Stations of Cross 5:30 PM Holy Eucharist 6:00 PM Lenten Supper & Study 6:30 PM	22 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed)	23 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed) Evening Prayer 6:00 PM (Live & Streamed)	24 St Matthias Veteran's Breakfast 9:00 AM 
25 Lent 2 8:00 AM Eucharist (Live) Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Eucharist (Live & Streamed) Child/Teen SS.	26 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed)	27 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed)	28 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM Stations of Cross 5:30 PM Holy Eucharist 6:00 PM Lenten Supper & Study 6:30 PM	Senior Warden: Andrea Mustafa Junior Warden: Linda Simmen (with Patrick Valko & Greg Spak) Treasurer: Lea Malarae; Secretary: Linda Gould Vestry at Large: Georgia Weston & Mike Brady		

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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.

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Service Times

Sunday Communion Service

8:00 AM Service – Live

10:00 AM Service –Live & Streamed
5th Sunday Healing Service and Fellowship –Next March 31st.

Wednesday Communion Service

6:00 PM Service—Live & Streamed

Morning Prayer Services

Mon.-Tues.-Wed.-Thurs.– Fri.

9:00 AM—Streamed

Evening Prayer Service

Friday

9:00 AM—Live & Streamed

Archbishop Juan Garcia

Bishop William Bower, SSC

Rev. Fr. Michael Kerouac, Rector

Rev. Fr. Tim Gouge, Vicar

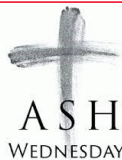
Rev. Fr. Chester O'Brien, Curate

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February 13th
Shrove Tuesday
6:00 PM



SHROVE TUESDAY



February 14th
Ash Wednesday Service
7:00 AM & 6:00 PM

Wednesdays February 21st, 28th, March 6th, 13th, 20th. Stations of the Cross, Eucharist Service, and Lenten Soup/Study “Lenten Traditions” taught by Fr. Mike/Fr. Chet



Saturday March 16th
St. Patrick's Traditional Dinner
6:00 PM
Tickets go on sale February 1st. Please a vestry member or clergy for tickets (Adults \$20.00 & \$10.00 Children under 14)