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Father Michael's Musings

On Independence Day holiday, which we celebrate as the 4th of July, many people will join in singing God Bless America. Many will stand and pledge to be "one Nation under God". A few will even sing our National Hymn, which includes the verse, "long may our land be bright, with freedom's holy light, protect us by thy might, great God our King". These beautiful and patriotic songs should cause us to reflect on what our responsibility might be to preserve an America that God would bless. Fortunately, God does not leave us to guess His intentions or his expectations of us. We can usually find the answers we seek in familiar passages in our Bibles.



We all can see that we have strayed far from the Christian nation envisioned by our Founding Fathers. The culture promotes values that are destructive, sometimes even demonic. Those of us who have been around for a while have developed a cynicism that makes it hard to be receptive to patriotic messages. And yet, God has blessed our country and has continued to do so. Whether He will continue to bless America, actually falls upon our own heads.

When God was fed up with the terrible cultures, values and behaviors of Sodom and Gomorrah, He told His faithful servant Abraham that he was going to punish those cities. Abraham boldly argued with God, and challenged Him with the proposition that if he could find 50 righteous people, wouldn't God save the cities for their sakes. God agreed that he would spare the cities, but Abraham argued on, what if it was only 45 righteous, then 30, then 20 and finally it was agreed God would save the cities if only there were 10 righteous people. Sadly, Abraham could not find that many, and the cities met the fate they brought upon themselves.

The point of repeating this encounter between God and Abraham is to remind us that while we may not know how many righteous people God requires to save our country and continue to bless us, that He will do so for even a few righteous souls. It is incumbent upon us to be those righteous souls. By doing so, we give not only ourselves, but all those we love who have yet to embrace righteousness, to be saved and to be blessed. Please join me in praying that, when God goes out to count the righteous souls, that he can count on us.

God Bless you, and God Bless America.

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.

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 July 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.



Ladies Fellowship & Craft Group

Meets the 3rd Monday of the Month. Next meeting is **Monday July 15th at 6:00 PM.**

Bring a craft or project or come to learn a craft. Light snacks provided. We are looking to plan a Paint and Sip party this fall—keep checking for more information.

Please see **Mandy Valko** if you have questions, 317-601-3216.



Church Work Day

On the 3rd Saturday of every month we have a Parish Work Day. The facilities inside and out are maintained the hardworking people of St. Patrick's with the exception Lawn Cutting. On **Saturday July 20th from 9am-12pm** we will continue with some indoor projects and general maintenance. —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.



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Ladies Lunch Out & (Gentleman too)

Sunday July 21st Meet after the 10:00 AM Service to go to Pub Americana in the Cocoa Village. <https://pubamericana.com/cocoa>. Please let Carolyn Kerouac know if you plan to attend; 203-500-9098



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.

- *General cleaning of the church, library, bathrooms and parish hall. Wednesday's 8am (see Linda or Andrea).*
- *Greeters and Coffee Hour hosts.*

Please See: **Fr. Michael Kerouac**

Church Supplies Needed:

We are in need of the following items to restock our church cupboards: water (case), coffee cups, and water cups. We could also use the following cleaning supplies: cleanser (comet), toilet brushes, sponges, rags, and window cleaner (Windex). Thank you!!



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.



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
Arianna Johnson Rufugio Martinez David Otero Abigail Rios-Lugo	Sheenagh Rivera Olivia Short Linda Simmen	Fr. Mike & Carolyn Kerouac Alberto & Sheenagh Rivera Jeffrey & Linda Simmen		 <p>Sunday June 30th—5th Sunday Healing Service and Potluck.</p> 		
<p>30 <i>Trinity 5/St. Peter Healing Service</i> 8:00 AM Eucharist (Live) Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Eucharist (Live & Streamed) Pot Luck Lunch</p>	<p>1 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed)</p>	<p>2 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed)</p>	<p>3 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed) Eucharist 6:00 PM Live & Streamed</p>	<p>4 <i>Independence Day</i> Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed) 4th of July Service 5:00 PM BBQ 6:00 PM</p>	<p>5 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed)</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>7 <i>Trinity 6</i> 8:00 AM Eucharist (Live) Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Eucharist (Live & Streamed)</p>	<p>8 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed)</p>	<p>9 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed)</p>	<p>10 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed) Eucharist 6:00 PM Live & Streamed</p>	<p>11 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed)</p>	<p>12 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed)</p>	<p>13 Start Collecting School Supplies and Backpacks in Dorman Hall</p>
<p>14 <i>Trinity 7</i> 8:00 AM Eucharist (Live) Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Eucharist (Live & Streamed) Vestry</p>	<p>15 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed) Ladies Fellowship & Craft Group 6:00 PM</p> 	<p>16 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed)</p>	<p>17 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed) Eucharist 6:00 PM Live & Streamed</p>	<p>18 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed)</p>	<p>19 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed)</p>	<p>20 Church Workday 9:00am—12:00 pm Lunch Provided</p> 
<p>21 <i>Trinity 8</i> 8:00 AM Eucharist (Live) Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Eucharist (Live & Streamed) Ladies Lunch Out</p>	<p>22 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed)</p>	<p>23 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed)</p>	<p>24 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed) Eucharist 6:00 PM Live & Streamed</p>	<p>25 St. James Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed)</p>	<p>26 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed)</p>	<p>27 Veteran's Breakfast 9:00 AM</p> 
<p>28 <i>Trinity 9/St. Mary & St. Martha</i> 8:00 AM Eucharist (Live) Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Eucharist (Live & Streamed)</p>	<p>29 St. Mary & St. Martha Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed)</p>	<p>30 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed)</p>	<p>31 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed) Eucharist 6:00 PM Live & Streamed</p>	<p>Mark Your Calendars Sunday August 4th Sunday School Meeting Sunday August 11th Blessing of the Backpacks Sunday August 18th Student Sunday School Sunday September 8th Adult Bible Study Saturday October 5th Blessing of Animals and Spaghetti Dinner</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 Church, 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.

Archbishop Juan Garcia

Bishop William Bower, SSC

Rev. Fr. Michael Kerouac, Rector

Rev. Fr. Tim Gouge, Vicar

Rev. Fr. Chester O'Brien, Curate

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

Vestry: Senior Warden: Andrea Mustafa;; Junior Warden : Linda Simmen, Treasurer: Lea Malarae; Secretary: Linda Gould, Vestry at Large: Georgia Weston, & Mike Brady

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A Celebration of the 4th of July

Thursday July 4th

Service at 5:00 PM

followed by BBQ. Church will supply main dish. We need sides and deserts.

Please see sign up sheet in the parish hall.



School Supplies/Backpacks

Every year the generous members of St. Patrick's Anglican Church donate school supplies and backpacks . We will be doing a **blessing of the backpacks and school supplies on Sunday August 11th.**

A list of school supplies will be available in the narthex on the table starting July 1st. **Start bring the supplies to the church on Sunday July 14th.**

Blessing
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