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Father Michael's Musings

It makes sense to us that Christian Churches would share many common elements. We share the same Scripture. We share the need to pray together and in public services. We have preaching and teaching in common. Almost all churches share the joy of the angels' voice that is echoed through our musical tradition of praise and thanksgiving. Yet despite so many common elements, each church also has distinguishing and unique characteristics that are reflected in the worship and in their organization. One of the elements that separate the identity and practice of a church is its polity.



Polity is the governance of the Church. In ancient and orthodox churches, the polity reflects what that Church has gleaned from Scripture. Good polity is founded upon Scriptural teaching, precedent and insights so that the followers can govern themselves as they would be governed in the presence of Jesus if He were alive today.

Some churches follow a top down structure in which the Church hierarchy owns and controls all aspects of Church life. The Roman Catholic and Episcopal Churches share that structure. At the other end of the spectrum are some Evangelical churches in which the parishioners control everything and for whom their ministers are employees. The extreme form of this type of Church are Quakers and Congregationalists. Baptists, Methodists and Presbyterian churches are less extreme examples of churches who are governed more by their Laity than the clergy. Anglican polity takes slightly different approach. The Clergy are organized in Dioceses led by a Bishop. The Diocese is local in nature, sometimes a city or region, or in our case, several states. The Bishop leads the spiritual life of the church and dictates its worship and practice to, and through, its priests. However, the property of the churches, and the care of the building and its assets are the responsibility of the Laity. The congregation elects a Vestry, which works independently of the Clergy to administer the earthly needs of the Church. A local Church requires a cooperative governance between the Laity who own and control the property, and the clergy, who perform the services and minister to the spiritual needs of the Congregation. If there is disagreement, the Bishop mediates between the Laity and Clergy to find an agreement that is consistent with Church polity and the needs of local congregation. To operate in that cooperative environment, the Diocese meets annually to pray for each other, and to conduct the business of the local churches and the Diocese. There are three houses represented at that annual meeting, which is called a Synod.

The Bishop is one House, priests and Deacons are the House of Clergy, and the Congregation is represented by the House of Laity. Any changes to organization and policies must be approved by all three houses, which ensure the interest of all the parties are met and the responsibilities for the Church are shared. St Patrick's will host our Diocesan Synod this year. All parishioners are invited to observe the meetings. We will have all three priests and two Lay people representing and voting on our behalf in their respective houses. We will also have Masses each day, as well as Morning and Evening Prayer. I hope will join us in our hosting duties and in the worship services so you can meet and enjoy our brothers and sisters throughout the Diocese. The meeting will be held from June 26-28th . The schedule will be on the web site.

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.

2024 Diocesan Synod

Tuesday June 25th—Friday June 28th
We will be sponsoring the Diocese of the Eastern United States (DEUS) Synod at St. Patrick's Anglican Church. Churches from all over the diocese will be here to meet and discuss how the diocese can grow and continue to meet the needs of the parishes and the world at large. Many of the public meetings and services will be recorded and on Facebook Live and YouTube. See back page for more information.

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 June 29th 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 June 17th 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.



Adult Bible Study

Adult Bible Study will continue in June at 9:00 am. Fr. Mike will continue our study on the Psalms. Come join the study—coffee and good fellowship provided.



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 June 15th from 9am-12pm** we will be doing the final preparation for Synod—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)
- General cleaning of the church, library, bathrooms and parish hall. Wednesday's 8am (see Linda or Andrea).
- Greeters and Coffee Hour hosts.

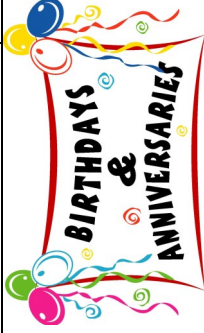




See Fr. Michael Kerouac

Supplies Needed: We need the following items to restock our church cupboards: water (case), paper plates large & small, paper towel, and toilet paper. We could also use the following cleaning supplies: cleanser (comet), toilet bowl cleaner, toilet brush, sponges, and window cleaner (Windex). Thank you!!



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

JUNE 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Elena Martinez Kerry O'Brien-Henz Peggy Ryan Johnny Vaughan	Marion Yantsios Diane and Fernando Salazar		 Sunday June 30th—5th Sunday Healing Service and Potluck.			1
2 <i>Trinity 1</i> 8:00 AM Eucharist (Live) Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Eucharist (Live & Streamed)	3 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed)	4 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed)	5 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed) Eucharist 6:00 PM Live & Streamed	6 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed)	7 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed) Evening Prayer 6:00 PM (Streamed)	8
9 <i>Trinity 2</i> 8:00 AM Eucharist (Live) Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Eucharist (Live & Streamed) <i>Vestry</i>	10 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed)	11 <i>St. Barnabas</i> Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed)	12 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed) Eucharist 6:00 PM Live & Streamed	13 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed)	14 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed) Evening Prayer 6:00 PM (Streamed)	15 Church Workday 9:00am—12:00 pm Lunch Provided 
16 <i>Trinity 3/Father's Day</i> 8:00 AM Eucharist (Live) Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Eucharist (Live & Streamed) Lunch Bunch	17 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed) Ladies Fellowship & Craft Group 6:00 PM 	18 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed)	19 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed) Eucharist 6:00 PM Live & Streamed	20 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed)	21 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed) Evening Prayer 6:00 PM (Streamed)	22
23 <i>Trinity 4/St. John the Baptist</i> 8:00 AM Eucharist (Live) Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Eucharist (Live & Streamed)	24 <i>St. John the Baptist</i> Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed)	25 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM Synod (Priests only) Evening Prayer 6:00 PM	26 Synod Morning Prayer 8:00 AM <i>Synod Mass 5:15 PM</i>	27 Synod Morning Prayer 7:30 AM <i>Mass & Blessing of the Oils 8:00 AM</i> Evening Prayer 5:00 PM	28 Synod Requiem Mass for Fr. Paul 9:00 AM	29 St. Peter Veteran's Breakfast 9:00 AM 
30 <i>Trinity 5/St. Peter</i> 8:00 AM Eucharist (Live) Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Eucharist (Live & Streamed)	31 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed)	4th of July Potluck: Thursday July 4th at 6:00 PM—Church will provide the hamburger and hotdogs (with buns). Bring your favorite 4th of July potluck side dish. Sign up in Dorman Hall.		Mark your calendars: Blessing of the Animals and Spaghetti Dinner: Saturday October 2nd. Blessing at 4:00 PM & Spaghetti Dinner at 6:00 PM (Special Guest Speaker: Samson from "Change Destiny" More information to come.		

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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

Evening Prayer Service

9:00 AM—Streamed

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

Count Down to Synod 2024

3 week countdown to Synod 2024 (June 25-28)

Registrations are just coming in. We expect 35 people to attend and need as many hands helping !

Here are some of the jobs:

- Welcoming bags for each attendee will be assembled.
 - Setup for tables and chairs in Parish Hall.
 - Planning and cooking for light breakfast, lunches and Hospitality Room snacks.
 - Clean up crews.
 - Transportation if needed.
 - Checking all bathrooms for a freshening and TP supply.
 - Greeters. Registration.
 - Check coffee and drinks to restock or refill.
- Sign up in Dorman Hall on table.

See Carolyn Kerouac 203.500.9098 cell