

# **The Shamrock**

Newsletter of St. Patrick's Anglican Church Port St. John, Florida



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Father Michael's Musings March 2024

This year, the Liturgical season of Lent spans the entirety of the month of March. As the month begins, we are late in the second full week of Lent, and the month culminates with the celebration of Easter on the 31<sup>st</sup>. Many of us are vaguely familiar with the season of Lent. We might know it lasts 40 days, and that it is a time we sacrifice by denying ourselves food or drink that we enjoy, in an effort to get ready to celebrate the joy of the Resurrection on Easter.

However, we may be less familiar with many other of the Church's Lenten traditions and their history. We might ask why the season is 40 days long, what the deal is with ashes on the fore-head for Ash Wednesday, what is the difference between fasting and abstinence, what are Stations of the Cross, or why we meditate on the 7 Last Words on Good Friday, or what the prophecies from the Old Testament are that are read on Holy Saturday. We might wonder if these Traditions are faithfully based on Scripture. Perhaps we wonder whether there isn't something we can add to our spiritual lives during Lent, rather than just giving up things we love.

The truth is that understanding these Traditions and Scripture on which they are based can add to the benefit of our Lenten discipline and to our appreciation for the incredible gift of the Resurrection. Every Wednesday evening during March, St. Patrick's will study these Traditions and answer questions we might have about the prayers and practices. The study takes place about 6:30 in the parish Hall, and is accompanied by a supper of bread and home-made soup. Prior to the soup and study, we also pray the Stations of the Cross at 5:30 and celebrate the Eucharist at 6:00 PM.

We invite you to join us on Wednesday evenings, and we especially hope you will celebrate Easter Sunday with us, whether it is the Sunrise Service in our Memorial Garden or the regular celebration inside the Church at 10:00 AM.

May God bless you all with a holy Lent and the most joyous Easter.



Father Mike+

## PARISH.LIFE.

Parish Life is open to all members of St. Patrick's Anglican Church. Parish Life plans and executes all parish events.

#### Parish Life Events

#### Ladies Lunch Out & (Gentleman too)

Sunday March 23rd - Meet after the 10:00 AM Service to go to El Leoncito— 4280 S. Washington Ave. Titusville. Menu: https:// www.elleoncito.com/titusville. If its nice we can eat outside!!



Please let Carolyn Kerouac know if you plan to attend; 203-500-9098

### Veterans, Veteran Spouses, and First <u>Responder Breakfast</u>

On the last Saturday of the month we hold our Veterans, Veteran Spouses, and First Responder Breakfast. Next scheduled breakfast is Saturday March

**30th. 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 March 18th at 6:00 PM. Bring a craft or project or come to learn a craft. Light snacks provided. Please see Mandy Valko for more informati



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### 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 ex-

pired. 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 with out a stove.

#### **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. We are now in a cooler season and I am hoping on Saturday March 16th from 9am-12pm, we can complete the memorial garden for Easter, and our normal inside cleaning. 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

On this workday we will be also cleaning and setting up Dorman Hall for the St. Patrick's Traditional Irish Dinner that evening.

**St. Patrick's Dinner—Preparation and Setup** We need donations of corned beef, cabbage, carrots, onions, drinks (iced tea, lemonade, soda), bread, and desserts (crockpots to cook the corned beef). Please contact Carolyn to make sure we don't overbuy on some items and underbuy on others. <u>We need items</u> by Friday 1pm on March 15th at the church which is when we will be cleaning vegetables. Carolyn—text or call 203-500-9098



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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	Saturday	0	•	16 Church Workday 9:00am–12:00 pm Junch Provided St. Patrick's Dinner St. Patrick's Dinner 6:00 PM	33 73	30 Holy Saturday Veteran's Breakfast 9:00 AM	EASTER CHANGES EVERYTHING
	Friday	1 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed) Evening Prayer	8 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed) Evening Prayer 6:00 PM	15 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed) St. Patrick's Dinner Preparation 1:00 PM Evening Prayer 6:00 PM	22 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed) Evening Prayer 6:00 PM	29 Good Friday Meditation 12:00 PM–3:00 PM Stations 3:30 PM Service 5:00 PM	BIRTHDAYS BIRTHDAYS ANNIVERSARIES
	Thursday		7 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed)	14 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed)	21 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed)	28 Maundy Thursday Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed) 6:00 PM 6:00 PM	Simmen
March 2024	Wednesday	VES	6 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM Stations of Cross 5:30 PM Holy Eucharist 6:00 PM Lenten Supper & Study 6:45 PM	13 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM Stations of Cross 5:30 PM Holy Eucharist 6:00 PM Lenten Supper & Study 6:45 PM	20 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM Stations of Cross 5:30 PM Holy Eucharist 6:00 PM Lenten Supper & Study 6:45 PM	27 Wednesday in Holy Week Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed) Holy Eucharist 6:00 PM	O'Brien Sean & Becky Simmen rson en tcey
	Tuesday	. Gould Simmen & Mike Brady	5 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed)	12 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed)	19 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed)	26 Tuesday in Holy Week Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed)	on Fr. Chester O'Brien Amia Patterson k Dutton Sean Simmen edrickson Christie Stacey on
	Monday	Senior Warden: Andrea Mustafa Treasurer: Lea Malarae; Secretary: Linda Gould Vestry at Large: Georgia Weston , Linda Simmen & Mike	4 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed)	11 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed)	18 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed) Crafty Ladies 6:00 PM	25 Monday in Holy Week Morning Prayer 9:00 AM (Streamed)	Jacob Anderson Lee Brady Amanda Faulk Dutton Fr. Robert Fredrickson Melody Harmon
	Sunday	Senior Warden: Andrea Mustafa Treasurer: Lea Malarae; Secretar Vestry at Large: Georgia Weston	3 Lent 3 8:00 AM Eucharist (Live) Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Eucharist (Live & Streamed) Child/Teen SS.	10 Lent 4 8:00 AM Eucharist (Live) Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Eucharist (Live & Streamed) Child/Teen SS. Vestry Meeting	17 Passion Sunday St. Patrick 8:00 AM Eucharist (Live) Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Eucharist (Live & Streamed) Child/Teen SS.	24 Palm Sunday 8:00 AM Eucharist (Live) Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Eucharist (Live & Streamed) Child/Teen SS. Ladies Lunch Out	31 Easter Sunday 7:00 AM Eucharist (Live) No Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Eucharist (Live & Streamed) No Child/Teen SS.

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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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#### <u>Service Times</u>

Sunday Communion Service 8:00 AM Service – Live

10:00 AM Service –Live & Streamed 5<sup>th</sup> 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 PLEASE PLACE STAMP HERE

#### LENTEN AND EASTER SCHEDULE

## Wednesday During Lent (except Holy Wednesday):

Stations of the Cross 5:30pm Holy Communion 6:00 pm Soup/Study 6:45pm-8:00pm **Holy Week Services:** Holy Wednesday 6:00pm Maundy Thursday 6:00pm Good Friday Meditation 12:00pm-3:00 pm Stations of the Cross 3:30 pm Service 5:00 pm

Easter Sunday

7:00am (in Memorial Garden weather permitting)10:00am (with Baptism)

#### Saturday March 16th St. Patrick's Traditional Irish Dinner 6:00 PM

Corned Beef, Cabbage, Potatoes, Carrots, Bread, Desserts, and Drink

*Live Music by Campbell & Cross* Please a vestry member or clergy for

Tickets (\$20.00 adults/\$10.00 under 14)

