Cathedral Church of St. Patrick's

October 2020

Service Times

Sunday Services 8:00 AM Mass – Live 10:00 AM Mass –Live & Streamed 5th Sunday Healing Service and Fellowship November 29th, 2020

Wednesday Services 6:00 PM Mass

Friday Services No Services during the summer

See website for Covid-19 accommodations.

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Father Michael's Musings for October

October will herald our gentle re-entry toward a more normal parish life. While we will continue to be mindful of social distancing, we will begin to celebrate the festivities that have been our local and cultural tradition. This coming month will feature two of those celebrations.

The first will be the Blessing of the Animals, which will take place at 4:00 PM on Saturday October 3rd. We will have a spaghetti dinner following the blessing at 6 PM in the Parish Hall. Seating for the dinner will be set up to meet the distancing guidelines. The Blessing of the Animals is held on the Saturday nearest to the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. We have all been blessed to have been in a quiet garden in the company of a statue of St. Francis. The statue often features a bird sitting on his hand, and sometimes deer and other animals are also around his feet. He was one of the most gentle and kind of the saints, and he gave up a great inheritance to become a monk. Even though he adopted such a humble life, he was one of the great reformers of the Church, turning it back from political and economic concerns to holiness and charity.

I am often asked by children whether their departed pets will be with them when they get to heaven. While the Bible does not give us a direct answer, we know that God is Love. Because God is eternal, Love is eternal, and persists beyond the boundaries of this life. We also know that God gave Adam the duty of naming and protecting all the animals in the Garden, and that Noah delivered the animals from disaster when he loaded his ark. The love we share with our pets persists beyond this life. I don't know how our pets will appear to us in the next life, but I do believe the love we have had from them will be blessed and perfected, and that that love will be part of our eternal joy. To that end, it is meet and right to bless and thank our pets for their service. Bring yours along on Saturday to help celebrate St. Francis. We will also stream the blessing for those who celebrate with us virtually through Facebook. God's blessings cannot be constrained or confined. The blessing we give on the lawn will extend to those pets who are attending through the web.

October will also bring our "rehearsal" for English High Tea, which we celebrate with the Queen during our May Garden Party. A few people have been surprised to hear me describe the Garden Party and High Tea as our ethnic Feast, and yet, what could be more Anglican (meaning English) than sharing the Queen's festivities. We have been collecting teapots, china cups and saucers and I believe we will have enough for our celebration on October 17th from 1 to 3 PM. The ladies have been practicing their tea sandwiches and sweets. It should be a grand time and I hope you will all share the afternoon with us.

God bless you all.

Fr Mike

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
For a list of all Sunday readings: Please check the website: <u>www.stpatrickspsj.org</u>				1	2	3	mark your Calendal September - December
4 17 th Sunday after Trinity 8:00 AM Mass 10:00 AM Mass w/Facebook	5	6	7 6:00 PM Mass	8	9	10	 Saturday October 3rd – Blessing of the Animals: Blessing 4:00pm Spaghetti Dinner for Parish only 6:00pm Saturday October 17th - British High Tea 1:00pm-3:00pm Saturday October 24th - 10:00am-12:00pm - Church Workday Saturday December 12th Cookie Walk Birthdays and Anniversaries Alberto River Sairsha Rivera Sal Salazar Von Yantsios Michael & Lea Taylor-Malorae Chuck & Linda Gould
11 18 th Sunday after Trinity 8:00 AM Mass 10:00 AM Mass w/Facebook <u>Vestry Meeting</u>	12	13	14 6:00 PM Mass	15	16	17 British High Tea 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM	
18 19 th Sunday after Trinity St. Luke the Evangelist 8:00 AM Mass 0:00 AM Mass w/Facebook	19	20	21 6:00 PM Mass	22	23	24 Church Workday 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	
25 20th Sunday after Trinity 8:00 AM Mass 10:00 AM Mass w/Facebook	26	27	28 6:00 PM Mass St, Simon and St. Jude Apostles	29	30	31 Halloween	
November 1 All Saints Day 8:00 AM Mass 10:00 AM Mass w/Facebook		We are truly thankful to	•	ho go above and be	eyond to help with all o		ons: cooking, cleaning, workdays, video ry cards God Bless You.



British Digh Tea Saturday October 17th 1:00PM – 3:00PM Love Offering Please RSVP a member of vestry or Parish Life Team Member if you wish to attend.



Saturday October 24th 10:00am-12:00pm**normally this is 2nd Saturday but this month it is different

